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Robert Guenette, a fourth-year theatre student, left, and Natalia Toussanit, a third-year history student, give Enzo some affection during one of the poodle's visits to York University. Enzo is a St. John Ambulance therapy dog who graduated from their program in February. The three-year-old visits the school and helps calm students and staff. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor to Pride: I'm busy that weekend

Invitation. Gay Pride Parade organizers disappointed that Rob Ford won't be at event

Mayor Rob Ford once again plans to miss the Pride Parade, saying he'll be at his family cottage on Canada Day weekend and can't commit to any event in the 10-day festival.

"No, I'm not attending Pride," Ford told reporters Wednesday morning when asked about the July 1 parade. He cited his family cottage tradition, just as he did last year when first asked if he would continue a tradition set by Toronto's past three mayors.

Asked Wednesday if he will attend any of the many events in the June 22 to July 1 festival, Ford shrugged and said, "I don't know.... I take it event by event."

Pride Toronto executive director Kevin Beaulieu said he was disappointed.

"Obviously, you hope someone will attend when you give them an invitation," Beaulieu said. "We would look forward to support from our elected officials and it's maybe disappointing if they're not able to show that support."

Beaulieu held out hope that Ford would appear at one of a series of events leading up to the parade, such as the raising of the Pride flag in front of Toronto City Hall on June 25 at noon.

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No-show

Last summer, Ford faced public backlash and accusations of homophobia for skipping the annual festival.

- **He resisted encouragement from his brother as well as Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke.**

Tusk, tusk — zoo breaks rules with elephant move

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Crime

Son charged in senior's death

A 39-year-old Toronto man has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of his 79-year-old father.

Police allege the suspect called them around 6:30 a.m. Monday to say he had assaulted his parents at their home in the High Park Avenue and Bloor Street West area.

The father, Ivan Sego, died Tuesday morning.

Zlatko Sego was arrested under the Mental Health Act and has been charged with second-degree murder and assault causing bodily harm. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fatality

Man killed in fall

A man has died after falling off a building Wednesday afternoon in the city's west end, near Queen Street West and Cowan Avenue.

Police said they think the fall was an accident, and they believe the man was working on the building. They couldn't say what kind of work he was doing.

His identity has not been released. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vote

Councillor eyeing casino referendum in next election

A referendum on a Toronto casino is not likely to be held before 2014.

On Tuesday, Coun. Michael Thompson said he would prefer to simply add the casino question to the October 2014 election ballot instead of forcing city taxpayers to pay for a standalone vote this year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Thika, one of the Toronto Zoo's three remaining elephants, walks around its enclosure. The zoo has lost its Association of Zoos and Aquariums accreditation over the city's plans to send the aging elephants to a non-AZA-accredited sanctuary in California called PAWS. PAT HEWITT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Accreditation pulled from Toronto Zoo

Council. Plans to send three elephants to U.S. sanctuary within the next month or so draws association's disapproval

The Toronto Zoo has lost its accreditation from an international zoo association over the city's plans to send three elephants to a sanctuary in California.

The American-based Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which accredits most major zoos in North America, sent a letter to the Toronto Zoo last week announcing the decision, effective immediately.

Waiting game

2013

The zoo, accredited by the AZA since 1977, won't be able to re-apply for certification — considered the gold seal for top zoos — until March 2013.

The move comes after city council voted last year, over the objections of handlers, to send the zoo's three aging elephants to a non-AZA-accredited sanctuary in California called PAWS.

Before council's decision, the zoo's board of management had voted to have its staff find a new home for the elephants by first searching for a suitable AZA-accredited zoo. But staff failed — at least in council's opinion — to do so quickly enough.

The AZA says the council vote contravened the association's governance rules. The rules state, among other things, that "while the governing authority (city council) may have input, the decisions regarding the animal collection must be made by the professionals who are specifically trained to handle the institution's animal collection."

In the end, the zoo board voted to abide by council's will.

AZA-accredited zoos have breeding agreements and species-survival plans that involve loaning animals between facilities for conservation reasons.

But Toronto Zoo CEO John Tracogna said he expects the AZA's decision to have a "minimal" impact on the zoo's breeding programs, and he doesn't expect other AZA zoos to break their loan agreements with Toronto over the issue.

Mayor Rob Ford, who was "absent" during the council vote last year, said it's too late to halt the relocation to PAWS.

Grant Ankenman, president of CUPE 1600, which represents the zoo's animal keepers, said in a statement that "the loss of our AZA accreditation puts the Toronto Zoo in a very precarious position."

He later added: "Despite what the mayor and zoo administration say, moving animals to PAWS, where there is (tuberculosis), and losing our accreditation is not final; we can change things." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Progress. Police seeing huge drop in auto thefts

Police have put the brakes on auto theft in the Greater Toronto Area and the effect is so dramatic that Toronto's police chief and insurance investigators are taking notice.

It's no coincidence that, amid the staggering decline, the Toronto police and Ontario Provincial Police have disbanded their dedicated auto-theft units.

Police haven't given up on investigations because cars are still being stolen, but the targets are mostly older models lacking new anti-theft devices.

Statistics Canada attributes the decrease to the use of anti-theft devices such as immobilizers, car alarms, specialized task forces and targeted initiatives such as the "bait car" program. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

By the numbers

- In Toronto, the number of stolen vehicles has fallen to 4,479 in 2010 from 12,600 in 1999, a decline of about 65 per cent.
- The numbers aren't quite as dramatic when the whole GTA is included, but they are impressive nevertheless. In 2003, 19,515 cars were stolen across the GTA. In 2010, that number had fallen to 9,728, or a drop of about 50 per cent, according to Statistics Canada.

Crime

Alleged fake-Bieber may have other victims, officials say

A Toronto man accused of posing as teen idol Justin Bieber and coaxing a 12-year-old New Jersey girl to perform sex acts online may have victims in up to five countries, officials said Wednesday.

Lee Moir, 34, repeatedly threatened to harm the victim's family and post her image to pornographic websites, Toronto police allege.

Const. Victor Kwong said Moir is facing a total of 10 charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caught. Woman defends filming dieting Ford at KFC

She was herself eating KFC. She was also feeding KFC to her two-year-old.

So why did she film Mayor Rob Ford on Tuesday evening as he approached the same KFC she had just exited, laugh uproariously and email the video to the Toronto Star?

"I know teaching my child to eat french fries at KFC — that's not fine. But you know what? I didn't commit to a weight-loss challenge. He did," said the woman, a 29-year-old named Cordella who declined to give her last name.

"If you're not committed to the diet that you committed to ... how can you be committed to the taxpayers of Toronto?"

The video, and the Star's decision to publish it online Wednesday, generated an emotional response, most of it negative. On Twitter, residents and pundits of all political persuasions expressed sympathy for Ford. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor Rob Ford is seen leaving a KFC Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

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On the web

Taking a hot shot at the sun

NASA has released photos and video footage of a glowing red loop of plasma erupting from the sun's surface on Monday. Watch at metronews.ca.

On the horns of a historical dilemma

Ever wonder who came up with the genius idea that Vikings should wear hats with horns? Turns out, probably no one (well, maybe poets and artists). Watch as this and other historical misconceptions are set straight at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

A 'monster' international drug bust nabbed more than 43 tonnes of hash, say the RCMP. The estimated $860-million worth of hash destined for Halifax and Montreal was found in several countries, including Pakistan, Belgium, Italy and Canada. Scan the code for the story.

Cricket tourney. Kids have a wicket good time

Rob Ford signed autographs for young cricketers on Wednesday at the kickoff of this year's Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Mayor's School Cricket Tournament.

"I'm glad it's getting recognized here in Toronto. Mayor Rob Ford is doing a great job promoting it," said Gayan Ferdinands, 16, named best bowler at the International Cricket Association Americas Under 15 Northern Championship.

The tournament, presented by CIMA in partnership with Metro, aims to promote the sport and give young athletes a chance to experience the game.

Cricket is one of the fastest-growing sports in Toronto, with more than 50 school teams expected to take part this year.

For many, it's more than just a pastime. "I've been playing ever since I was small," Ferdinands said. "I grew up in Sri Lanka. I've been living here for about eight years. It's my passion."

Manpreet Chera, 17, part of the girls cricket team at West Humber Collegiate Institute, says the tournament opens up opportunities for female cricketers.

"It makes a big difference for everyone, for girls to get to know more people from other schools and for more girls to join in," she said.

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Learn more

- The tournament runs May 14 to 17, with final games on June 2. For places and times, go to cima.mayorscricket.com.

Rob Ford signs autographs on Wednesday at the launch of the CIMA Mayor's School Cricket Tournament at Metro Hall. PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO

Canine comfort. 'Therapy dog' eases exam stress

He managed to calm down students Ioana Olteanu and Julia Kedrzycki, hours before their calculus exam Wednesday night.

Three-year-old standard poodle Enzo also helped Navya Akkiraju decompress after her final computer science exam, and psychology major Shivanni Sankar called Enzo "soft and comforting; you can feel the zen when you put your hands on him."

In a series of visits to York University in these final days of exams, the trained St. John Ambulance "therapy dog" brought smiles to normally stressed out students.

York student life executive Kevin Wilson decided to bring in the stress-busting dog after reading about successful outcomes at universities from Montreal and Ottawa to London and British Columbia. The University of Toronto law school recently invited staff and students to bring dogs onto campus to relieve exam stress. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Martin Zimmerman, left, opened Zimmerman's Freshmart in 2004, in the building where his family has operated a clothing store and grocery store in the past decades. Danny Zimmerman, right, operates Zimmerman's discount with his father, and believes his business is the one that built the goodwill with the Zimmerman last name. KATIE DAUBS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It's all in a name for dissing cousins

Family feud. Cousins cannot agree over use of Zimmerman name

Ten-year rivalry

"It's not like this is a war of the Zimmermans."

Martin Zimmerman, owner of Zimmerman's Freshmart in Kensington Market
On the longtime disagreement with his cousin Danny Zimmerman, owner of Zimmerman Discount across the street

Outside Zimmerman Discount is an aging sign that advises customers: "Zimmerman's Fresh Mart, across the street has no association with our store."

At Zimmerman's Freshmart, a sign is posted in response: "We at Freshmart believe customer loyalty is earned by offering quality and service not the name on the store."

It's been simmering for years, but every once in a while a Kensington Market rivalry threatens to bubble over.

Martin and Danny Zimmerman are second cousins and proprietors of Augusta Avenue shops that bear the family name. They have not spoken to each other in years.

The families used to be close. Cousins Leslie and Zoltan Zimmerman — the fathers of Martin and Danny — grew up four or five houses apart in a small village in Czechoslovakia. They survived the Holocaust and moved to Canada in 1951, becoming business partners in the bustling market. Leslie eventually moved on to new business ventures across the street and, in 2004, he and his son Martin opened Zimmerman's Freshmart.

That's where things went wrong.

"It's the confusion and the reputation," Danny says across the street at Zimmerman Discount, as he takes a moment away from bagging groceries being scanned by his father, Zoltan, 86.

"You spend 60 years building up some reputation and it's devastating to have people confuse you.

"I'm not saying he's bad, but everyone should stand up for their own merits," he says, adding that there are often delivery mix-ups and confused visitors.

Inside the more modern Freshmart, Martin says the whole situation is sad. "If someone were to broker peace, I'd be the first to jump on board," he says. "He doesn't want to hear about it."

He says he had the family name painted on the window in a tribute to his father, and he's not going to remove it. Meanwhile, he hasn't been across the street in years.

Both Zimmermans appear to be well liked in the market. When Danny walks around, business owners shout hello and make small talk. It's just with each other that nothing comes easy.

"If you go back over there, tell him that we'll get a rabbi to mediate," Martin says.

Across the street, Danny shakes his head at this offer.

"To be honest with you, I'm a very conservative, observant Jew. To make that remark, unfortunately he has to take more actions," he says, saying his cousin needs to stop the use of the name before reconciliation can occur.

When told of his cousin's response, Martin says if a rabbi advised him to, he'd consider taking down the Zimmerman name.

But Danny says he needs goodwill first.

"I don't need a third party to get involved, I don't even need a newspaper to get involved, I just want to see more action."

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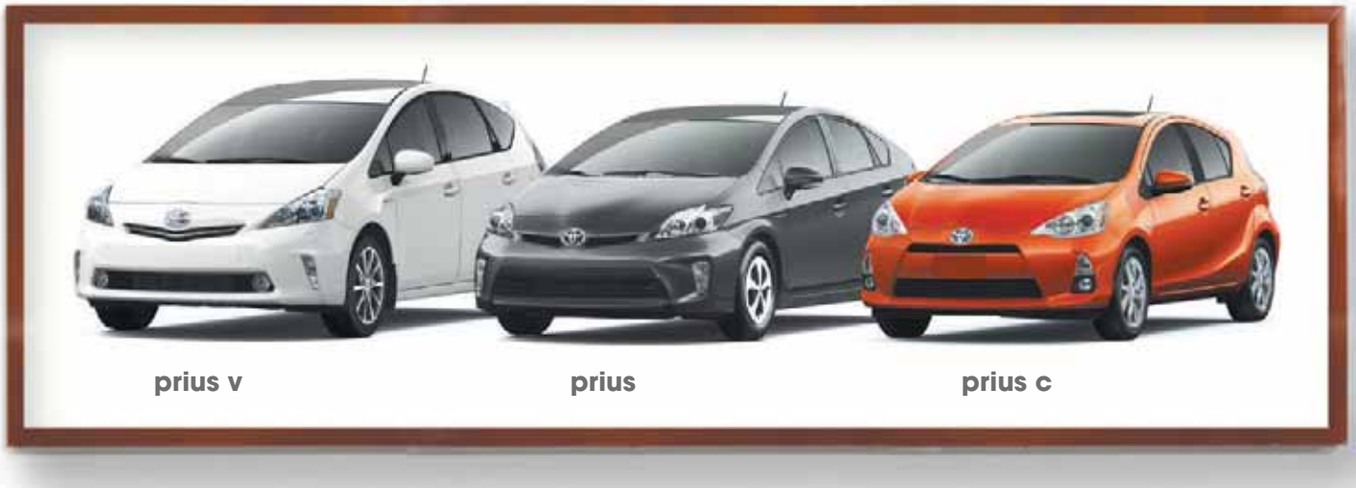

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Khadr's transfer from Guantanamo Bay now in Ottawa's hands

Diplomatic wrangling. Sources suggest reluctant Canadian government being strong-armed into taking war criminal

Ottawa has received an application from convicted war criminal Omar Khadr to transfer from Guantanamo Bay to Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Convicted Canadian war criminal Omar Khadr, who became a poster child for the excesses of the war on terror, is a significant step closer to leaving Guantanamo Bay with a formal request for his transfer to Canada now in Ottawa's hands.

But diplomatic wrangling persisted, with one source suggesting the Americans were "desperate" to send Khadr home, and that a reluctant Canadian government was essentially being strong-armed into taking him.

According to the source, the Americans are "bending over backwards" to ensure Khadr's exit from Guantanamo Bay and will have to "bend their way around a number of their own rules" to make that happen.

"The U.S. needs to get rid of this guy for their own reasons," said one source familiar with the file.

"The United States basically asked Canada for a diplomatic favour and Canada previously agreed to look at a request of this nature favourably."

A spokeswoman for Public Safety Minister Vic Toews confirmed on Wednesday that the federal government was considering the request to take him off U.S. hands, which sparked an outpouring of mostly anti-Khadr reaction among Canadians.

"The government of Canada has just received a completed application for the transfer of prisoner Omar Ahmed Khadr," spokeswoman Julie Carmichael said.

"A decision will be made on this file in accordance with Canadian law."

The Pentagon would not confirm that Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta had signed off on the formal transfer request, which also requires the president to give Congress 30 days notice.

Khadr, 25, was eligible to return to Canada from Guantanamo Bay last October under terms of a deal reached a year earlier in which he pleaded guilty to five war crimes committed in Afghanistan as a 15-year-old. THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations. Court orders hearing on child welfare

A new Federal Court ruling on child welfare clears the way for First Nations to challenge federal funding for education, policing and health care, says the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The court handed First Nations groups and child-welfare advocates a victory on Wednesday, ordering a new hearing into whether Ottawa is discriminating against native children.

The ruling rejected the federal government's technical attempts to prevent First Nations groups from arguing for better funding for child welfare on reserves.

"It really underpins the access to justice for all First Nations people," acting human rights commissioner David Langtry said in an interview.

"This is extremely significant to us. It's a key test of our legislation as it applies to First Nations."

The ruling means First Nations and the federal government will have a full-blown hearing about whether Ottawa is treating native children unfairly.

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A boy from Cat Lake First Nation in northern Ontario stands in the bright spring sun last week. HEATHER SCOFFIELD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Day of death

Rafferty bragged luck was coming to him

Hours before eight-year-old Victoria Stafford was abducted and killed, the man accused in her death bragged online that good things were coming.

The trial of Michael Rafferty was shown a screen capture Wednesday of his Facebook profile page from the spring of 2009 and on the morning of April 8 he posted: "everything good is comming (sic) my way."

Tori was abducted outside her Woodstock, Ont., school that day just after the 3:30 dismissal bell and one of Rafferty's girlfriends at the time, Terri-Lynne McClintic, has admitted she led the girl away.

McClintic, who is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, testified that she kidnapped a child at Rafferty's urging and that he sexually assaulted Tori before she was killed.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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Man accused in beating death appears in court

Andre Noel Denny arrives at Halifax Provincial Court Wednesday on a second-degree murder charge in the beating death of Raymond Taavel. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

ALY THOMSON
For Metro in Halifax

Andre Noel Denny was forthright and unapologetic as he emerged from a Halifax provincial court elevator on Wednesday with his hands cuffed and legs shackled.

"Public drunken fight. What can I say?" Denny loudly proclaimed to reporters as he was escorted by two police officers into the courtroom.

Denny, charged with second-degree murder in the beating death of Raymond Taavel, was remanded back to the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Burnside for a psychiatric assessment after a brief appearance. The 32-year-old Cape Breton man will return to court on May 17 for a hearing to determine if he is fit to stand trial or if he could be exempt from criminal responsibility.

Taavel, a well-known gay-rights activist, was beaten to death early Tuesday morning outside a bar on Gottingen Street.

Denny, a patient of the Burnside hospital, failed to return to the facility following an unescorted one-hour leave on Monday evening. He was in the hospital after being found not criminally responsible on a charge of assault causing bodily harm from an incident in Sydney in January.

Criminally responsible?

"Right now, he just seems very depressed. He just seems very scared."

Pavel Boubnov, who represented Andre Noel Denny on Wednesday.

Court documents from 2009 describe Denny as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia with a history of "aggressiveness, impulsivity and unpredictability," and as being "grossly psychotic."

Pavel Boubnov, a defence lawyer who was representing Denny on Wednesday, said he should not have been released from the hospital that night.

"You just simply look at the file for this person to understand that he should be closely monitored by medical professionals," Boubnov said.

"The antipsychotic medication (does) interfere with alcohol... so he obviously was under the influence of alcohol (Monday)."

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No more weed for foreigners in Amsterdam?

A young man lights a joint in Cool Running, a coffee shop that is licensed to sell marijuana, in Maastricht, Netherlands. ERMINDO ARMINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug tourism.

Businesses fight plan to turn marijuana cafes into 'members only' clubs open solely to Dutch residents

Dutch coffee shop owners went to court Wednesday in a last-ditch bid to block a government plan to stop foreigners from buying marijuana in the Netherlands.

Lawyers representing the coffee shops oppose what would be the most significant change in decades to the country's famed soft drug tolerance: turning marijuana cafes into "members only" clubs open solely to Dutch residents.

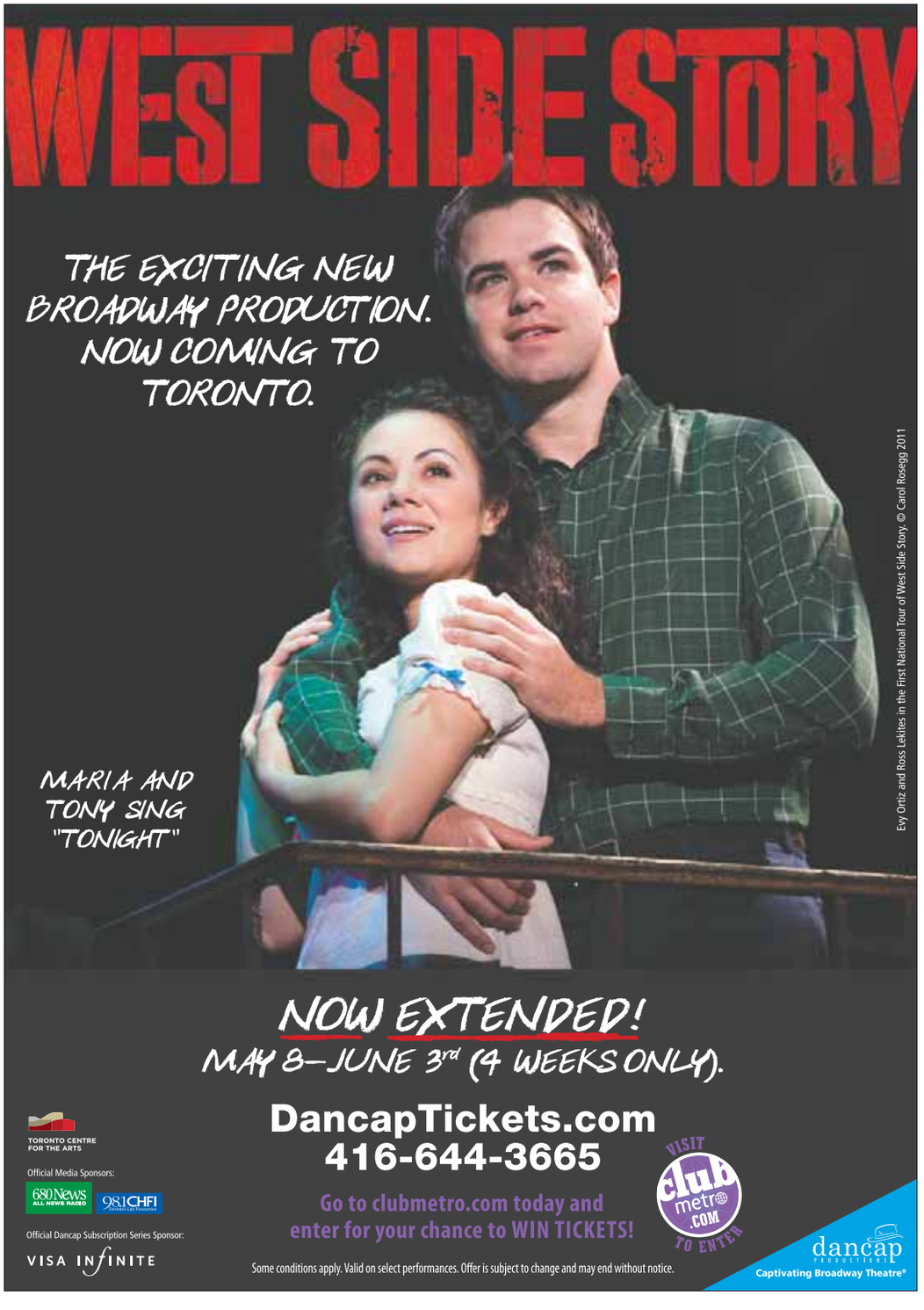
Members would only be able to get into the coffee shops by registering for a "weed pass" and the shops would only be allowed a maximum of 2,000 members. The move comes into force in the south of the country May 1 and is scheduled to roll out nationwide on Jan. 1, 2013.

Whether it will be enforced in Amsterdam, whose coffee shops are a major tourist draw, remains to be seen.

Mayor Eberhard van der Laan says he wants to negotiate a workable compromise with the country's Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten.

Lawyers for the cafe owners told a judge at The Hague District Court that the move — aimed at reining in problems caused by foreign "drug tourists" who buy marijuana in the Netherlands and resell it in neighbouring countries — is "clearly discriminatory."

Lawyer Ilonka Kamans argued that the Dutch drug policy gives citizens "the fundamental right to the stimulant of their choosing" and foreigners should not be deprived of that right. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Airport security.

Man strips naked in protest of security screeners

Port of Portland police say a 49-year-old man stripped naked at Portland International Airport as a protest against U.S. airport security screeners.

The incident report said John E. Brennan's actions Tuesday evening caused some passengers to cover their eyes and their children's eyes while others looked, laughed and took photos. Two screening lanes were temporarily closed.

Police say the Portland man was arrested for investigation of indecent exposure and disorderly conduct.

The Oregonian newspaper reports that the Port of Portland summary said Brennan "disrobed completely naked" while going through a security screening area.

He later told authorities he flies often and "disrobed as a form of protest against TSA (Transportation Security Administration) screeners he felt were harassing him."

He missed his flight to San Jose, Calif.

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Human rights

Inventor of web warns U.K. to drop surveillance plans

The scientist credited with inventing the World Wide Web says he's warned Britain's government to ditch plans to extend surveillance of Internet activity.

Tim Berners Lee, who developed the Web in 1990, says the proposals to allow intelligence agencies to monitor Internet use and digital communications of British citizens would be a "destruction of human rights."

Berners Lee told The Guardian newspaper in an interview published Wednesday that the proposals would place intimate information at risk of theft.

He says the government has not explained how it could safely store the data, meaning the plan should be scrapped.

Britain's Home Office has insisted that any new surveillance program would be limited and aimed at serious crime and terrorism.

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Young mother killed, her infant son abducted

Houston area. Nurse, 30, faces murder charge; baby located unharmed. Victim 'in wrong place at the wrong time,' DA says

A nurse admitted to fatally shooting a young mother in a town near Houston and abducting the dying woman's newborn son whom she apparently intended to adopt, authorities said Wednesday.

Verna McClain is charged with capital murder in the killing of Kala Marie Golden, 28.

Witnesses saw a woman repeatedly shoot Golden on Tuesday afternoon in the parking lot of a pediatric clinic.

She then drove away with Golden's infant son Keegan who was found unharmed Tuesday evening at a home with McClain's sister, authorities said.

According to an arrest record, McClain, 30, admitted to shooting Golden and taking Keegan to Harris County, where the baby was subsequently found.

McClain gave authorities information that only the shooter would know, according to the arrest record.

She is being held without bail.

District Attorney Brett Ligon said McClain's statement to investigators indicates she shot the mother as part of a wider plan to kidnap any child and that Golden was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"We believe we have sufficient evidence to prove that she kidnapped the child and committed the murder," Ligon said at a press conference Wednesday.

Ligon said McClain approached law enforcement at an apartment complex where detectives found a vehicle matching witness descriptions, and started to provide information about the case. But McClain did not say where the child was, Ligon said.

Kala Marie Golden's husband Keith Schuchardt. PAT SULLIVAN/AP

Instead, authorities received an anonymous tip that directed them to Keegan's location, he said. McClain was then arrested at the apartment complex and later confessed to authorities.

McClain's sister lives at the apartment complex that detectives searched before they found the child, Ligon said.

In this family snapshot Kala Marie Golden, right, who was murdered is shown with two sons. SCHUCHARDT FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It remains unclear who lived at the home where Keegan was found, Ligon said.

Keegan has been released to family members, according to his father, Keith Schuchardt.

Golden's mother, Linda Golden, said that she had been babysitting another of Kala's sons when someone at the scene called her using her daughter's cellphone. She rushed to the scene.

"I wanted to kiss her before they put her in the ambulance," Linda Golden said.

Golden had no idea what could have sparked the slaying. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Society of St. Pius X

Quarter century of schism may be nearing end

The Vatican and a breakaway group of traditionalist Catholics appear to be nearing an agreement that could bring the group back into Rome's fold.

Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi said Wednesday the Society of St. Pius X had delivered an "encouraging" response to the Vatican's demands that it accept some core church teachings.

The Vatican had rejected as "insufficient" the group's initial response last month, but Lombardi said their revised position marked "a step forward."

The Society was founded by the late conservative Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre in 1969 and split from Rome over opposition to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. The council revolutionized the church and allowed Mass in languages other than Latin.

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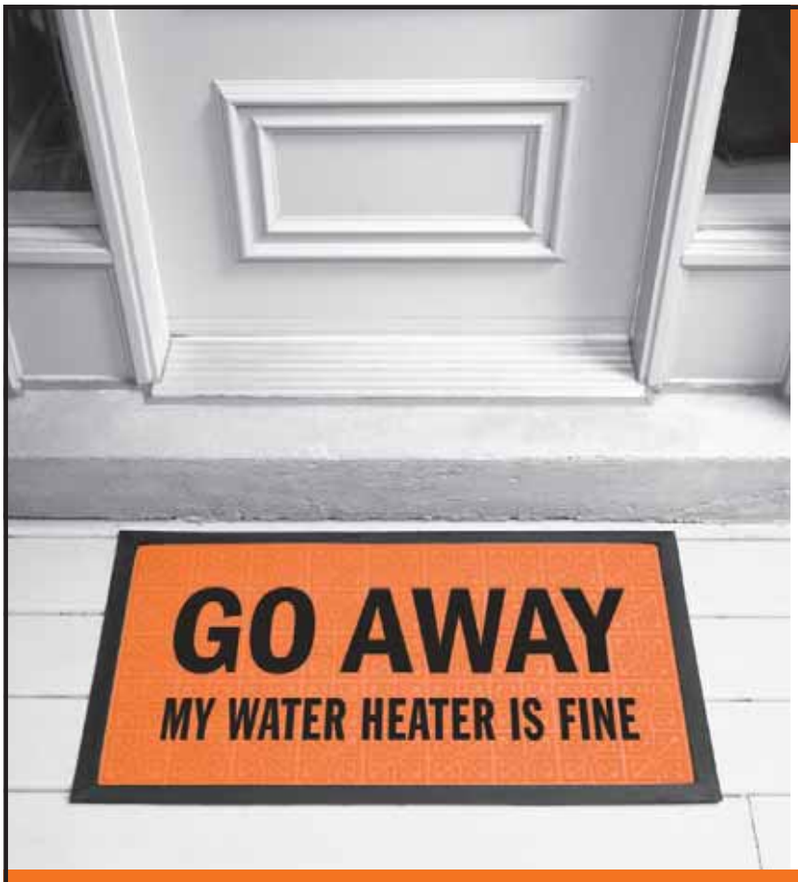

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Losing a legend

Dick Clark, America's 'oldest teenager', dies at 82

Dick Clark, the ever-youthful television host and tireless entrepreneur who helped bring rock 'n' roll into the mainstream on American Bandstand, has died of a heart attack.

After American Bandstand, he produced and hosted a vast range of programming from game shows to the year-end countdown in Times Square on New Year's Rockin' Eve.

Spokesman Paul Shefrin said Clark had the heart attack Wednesday morning at Saint John's hospital in Santa Monica, a day after he was admitted for an outpatient procedure.

Clark had continued performing even after he suffered a stroke in 2004 that affected his ability to speak and walk.

Long dubbed "the world's oldest teenager" because of his boyish appearance, Clark bridged the rebellious new music scene with traditional show business, and was equally comfortable whether chatting about music with Sam Cooke or bantering with Ed McMahon about TV bloopers.

He thrived as the founder of Dick Clark Productions, supplying movies, game and music shows, beauty contests and more to TV. Among his credits: The $25,000 Pyramid and TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes.

For a time in the 1980s, he had shows on all three networks and was listed among the Forbes 400 of wealthiest Americans.

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Dick Clark died Wednesday at age 82. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$158 million, after taxes

Illinois couple hit the jackpot, big

A retired Illinois couple claimed the third and final share of last month's record $656 million Mega Millions jackpot Wednesday.

They said they plan to treat themselves — possibly even to a vacation.

But first they need to sort out how to invest their windfall.

Merle and Patricia Butler bought a $3 quick-pick ticket to the March 30 drawing at the Motomart convenience store in their village of Red Bud, a farming community 65 km southeast of St. Louis.

They have opted to collect their winnings of $158 million after taxes in a lump-sum.

Merle Butler, 65, said at a news conference that aside from the cadre of financial advisers and lawyer he and his wife have been meeting with over the past two weeks, they told fewer than five people that they had become millionaires overnight.

"I was retired. It looks like I have another full-time job," the retired computer systems analyst said.

The couple, who have grandchildren, have no plans other than to craft an investment strategy, then revisit what to do.

The Butlers are the only ones of the three jackpot winners to be publicly identified.

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Lost couple survive, found cabin

A husband and wife stuck in the woods outside Fernie, B.C. for three days say they were lucky to find a well-stocked cabin while they waited to be found.

Jake and Anja Oosterwijk were rescued Tuesday and have been reunited with their seven children in Fort Macleod.

Jake Oosterwijk says they took wrong turns on some back roads and got stuck in the snow.

He calls the cabin they found a "beautiful prison" with a wood stove, food and water.

He says the couple is thankful to everyone in Alberta and British Columbia who searched for them.

Oosterwijk says knowing the pain friends and family must have felt while they wondered what happened made the couple desperate to be found.

Jake and Anja Oosterwijk had not been heard from since leaving their home near Fort Macleod on Saturday for a quick trip into B.C.

The couple's seven children, who are between the ages of six and 22, became concerned, saying that the disappearance was out of character for their parents.

"They'd gotten stuck and walked to a cabin nearby," explained the RCMP.

Police dispatched a helicopter to get them. Jake had an injured knee, but the couple were otherwise OK.

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Jacob and Anja Oosterwijk survive after being lost in the southeast B.C. woods. They found a well-stocked cabin. FAMILY PHOTO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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JetBlue pilot Clayton Frederick Osbon, right, is escorted to a waiting vehicle by FBI agents as he is released from The Pavilion at Northwest Texas Hospital, in Amarillo, Texas. Osbon is accused of disrupting a flight when he left the cockpit screaming about religion and terrorists. MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JetBlue pilot to argue he was insane during in-flight rant

Defence. Captain screamed about religion, terrorists before being wrestled to the ground by passengers

A JetBlue Airways captain accused of disrupting a flight when he left the cockpit screaming about religion and terrorists plans to use an insanity defence at trial.

An attorney for Clayton F. Osbon filed a motion Wednesday outlining plans to argue Osbon was insane at the time of the incident on the March 27 flight from New York to Las Vegas.

Osbon remains jailed in Texas awaiting a court-ordered psychiatric exam to determine his competency for trial and whether he was legally sane when witnesses say he left the cockpit and ran screaming through the cabin.

Passengers wrestled him to the floor, and he was subdued until the plane made an emergency landing in Amarillo.

Prosecutor Christy Drake declined to comment on the filing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Freedom or death: Mass killer reveals his choices

Norway massacre. 'I view 21 years in prison as a pathetic sentence,' Breivik tells court in sensational testimony

Confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik, left, talks with his lawyers Wednesday. LISE ASERUD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The right-wing fanatic on trial for massacring 77 people in Norway says he wants either freedom or death.

He called the country's set prison terms "pathetic" and argued for the return of capital punishment, which was last used in Norway to execute Nazi collaborators after the Second World War.

"Acquittal or the death penalty are the only logical outcomes of this case," the confessed killer said.

"I view 21 years in prison as a pathetic sentence."

In the third day of his Oslo terror trial, Anders Behring Breivik, 33, was grilled by prosecutors about the anti-Muslim militant group he claims to belong to.

He rejected their suggestions that the "Knights Templar" doesn't exist, but admitted he had embellished when describing the network in a 1,500-page manifesto he published online before the bomb-and-shooting rampage on July 22. He described it as a leaderless network consisting of "independent cells."

Prosecutors told reporters they don't believe the group is real.

The issue is of key importance in determining Breivik's sanity, and whether he's sent to prison or compulsory psychiatric care.

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'I made a mistake'

Spain's king says sorry amid outrage over hunting trip

In an unprecedented act of royal contrition, Spain's king apologized Wednesday for having gone elephant-hunting in Africa while his people endure an economic crisis.

"I am very sorry. I made a mistake. It won't happen again," King Juan Carlos said.

Looking sheepish and using crutches to walk, he spoke as he left a Madrid hospital where he had surgery after breaking his hip in a fall during the expensive trip to Botswana.

The 74-year-old had to be rushed back to Spain — now battling a 23 per cent unemployment rate.

The royal family has been in the news lately — and not for the best reasons.

The king's son-in-law is a suspect in a corruption case. And the king's 13-year-old grandson shot himself in the foot with a shotgun, even though by law in Spain you must be 14 to handle a gun.

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Grim photos. U.S. troops posed with bodies of insurgents, paper says

The White House and the U.S. Pentagon voiced regrets Wednesday for a new Afghan battlefield embarrassment — over photos.

Newly published shots purport to show U.S. troops posing with the bodies of insurgents in Afghanistan.

Defence Secretary Leon Panetta called it a violation of America's "core values."

"My apology is on behalf of the Department of Defence and the U.S. government," Panetta said.

U.S. President Barack Obama's chief spokesperson, Jay Carney, said the incident was "reprehensible."

The photos were published in Wednesday's Los Angeles Times.

One shows members of the 82nd Airborne Division posing in 2010 with Afghan police and the severed legs of a suicide bomber.

Another appears to show the hand of a dead insurgent resting on a U.S. soldier's shoulder as the soldier smiles.

The Army said an investigation is under way.

Panetta added, "This is war. I know that war is ugly and it's violent, and I know that young people sometimes caught up in the moment sometimes make very foolish decisions."

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Wednesday's Los Angeles Times carries the story and the photos.
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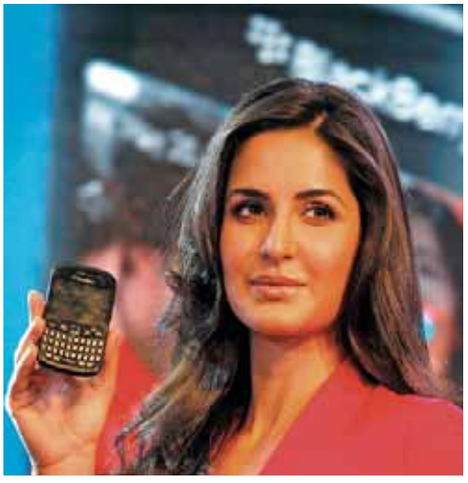

Ahead of the Curve

Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif displays Research In Motion's new low-priced BlackBerry Curve 9220 at a launch in New Delhi on Wednesday. RIM hopes the new social-media-friendly model will attract users in India's thriving telecom market. The new device comes after reports earlier this month said RIM has agreed to give the Indian government access to private instant messages from users, though the company has so far refused to comment. SAURABH DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada becoming a net loser in oil-price increases, BoC says

Crude costs. Oversupply and capacity contributing to undervaluing of western Canadian oil, Bank of Canada says

The Bank of Canada says Canadians are losing out on the run-up in world oil prices, which is impacting everything from business-input costs to consumer spending and inflation.

In a new analysis of the current makeup of crude prices, the central bank said Wednesday that Canada has been importing high-priced Brent crude pumped in the North Sea and exporting lower-priced oil from Alberta since January, negatively impacting overall trade.

"The increase in the price of our oil imports raises production costs for Canadian firms and also puts upward pressure on gasoline prices, since about half of the gasoline purchased in Canada is produced using refined petroleum priced off Brent," the bank said in a statement.

Price gap

- For more than a year, the gap has been widening between the price of the Brent oil Canada imports from the world and the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil paid to Canadian producers.
- The difference now stands at about $20 a barrel. Furthermore, some Canadian crudes are priced even lower at the Western Canada Select rate, which is now about $20 below WTI.

That puts downward pressure on Canada's real gross domestic income, dropping the country's spending power to buy foreign goods and services, the bank said. In turn, it also dampens spending on domestically produced goods and services.

Increases in oil prices are usually beneficial to Canada because the country exports more than it imports, with the resulting gain in real income from exports more than offsetting cost increases for businesses and consumers who must fill up at the pump.

"This is why the recent evolution of oil prices since January has been unfavourable for Canada," the bank said in its Monetary Policy Review, noting that about half of the gasoline purchased in Canada is more closely tied to the higher-priced Brent supply.

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Supreme Court

Conrad Black scores legal win

The Supreme Court of Canada has paved the way for disgraced media mogul Conrad Black to pursue a series of libel lawsuits in the province of Ontario. But it's likely those cases will never be heard. That's because Black and his legal opponents, former associates at Hollinger International and their adviser, Richard Breeden, are in the process of finalizing an out-of-court settlement of the suits.

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Market Minute

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Of the more than 50,000 ideas that have been pitched on the crowd-funding website Kickstarter, seeking financial support for a new product, none have struck a chord with the web community more than the born-in-Canada Pebble.

It's a sleek, futuristic-looking wristwatch that wirelessly connects to the smartphone in your pocket and displays Caller ID information for incoming calls, emails, Facebook and Twitter messages, or calendar and weather alerts. And, of course, the watch also displays the time, with a number of digital faces to choose from.

Vancouver-born Eric Migicovsky and the rest of the team behind Pebble hoped to raise $100,000 on Kickstarter to help launch the watch commercially.

Just over a week into the campaign, the Pebble has attracted interest from more than 31,000 backers for a total of more than $4.5 million raised — a new Kickstarter record. And just about every minute of the day, new orders continue to pour in.

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Ontario firms sue publishers

Books battle.
Canadian lawsuits echo price-fixing investigations currently underway in the U.S.

Alleging that Apple and leading publishers conspired to make readers pay more, Canadian lawyers have launched lawsuits echoing the ebook price-fixing investigations initiated in the United States.

Two law firms in Ontario and one in B.C. have named Apple, Hachette, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Penguin, Simon & Schuster, and their Canadian subsidiaries, in class-action claims asserting the companies colluded to "fix, maintain, increase or control the price of e-books" as Apple was preparing to launch the iPad two years ago.

The companies have not yet responded to the allegations.

Designed to unseat Amazon as the primary ebook seller, the plot forced Amazon to switch to a system which guaranteed Apple a 30 per cent commission on each ebook it sold and prevented retailers from selling the products more cheaply than Apple, the court filings state.

Consequently, prices increased "as much as 50 percent for most titles over Amazon's previous prices and reduced competition for e-books in Canada and elsewhere," said one complaint.

That would appear to contravene the Competition Act which makes it a criminal offense to enter into a conspiracy with competitors that increases prices.

While it is expected the American suits will lead to lower ebook prices across the continent in the long run, Canadian action is required if past purchases are to be redressed, said London lawyer Charles Wright of Siskinds LLP, which has launched a suit on behalf of Ontario residents and 30-year-old Waterloo Masters student Natalee Blagden.

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Real estate

Toronto condo prices up

Last year's record pace of condo construction is starting to be felt across the GTA, with listings up 14 per cent in the first quarter of 2012. The average selling price of a GTA condo was up 3.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2012 — $334,952 compared to $322,857 year over year, according to statistics from the Toronto Real Estate Board.

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Google CEO takes the stand

Google CEO Larry Page walks into a federal building in San Francisco on Wednesday. Page spent nearly an hour in a courtroom deflecting questions about his role in a copyright dispute over some of the technology in his company's Android software for smartphones.

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Labour.

Direct Energy workers go on strike

Hundreds of Direct Energy workers walked off the job Tuesday night after contract talks between the company and the union broke off.

The roughly 500 striking workers include service technicians, water-heater installers and clerical staff.

Rob Comstock, Direct Energy's vice-president of Canadian services, said the company has made contingency plans to minimize the impact on customers.

"Customers who do contact us, who have a service need, will get service," he said.

CEP Local 975 called a strike just before midnight after the company imposed work conditions.

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Carney denies he was offered BoE post

Questions arise. Financial Times report suggests Bank of England might have its eye on the Canadian central banker

Mark Carney was given a chance to finally, unequivocally squelch reports he might leave his post early. He was equivocally successful.

In his first public remarks on the issue Wednesday, the Canadian central banker denied — indirectly — he had been approached to take over the same post at the Bank of England, as reported by the Financial Times newspaper. He seemed even less categorical when asked if he will commit to serving out his term in Canada, which runs to 2015.

"The report is not accurate," he said at a news conference in Ottawa when asked if he was approached as reported in the London-based newspaper.

Commitment?

"It's an honour to have this position and I intend to fulfil it."

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, on whether he will serve out his term

The denial was repeated from the Bank of Canada Tuesday night, but Carney offered no more insight as to why the newspaper would say he was approached to run the United Kingdom's central bank.

The governor added he was focused on his responsibility as governor of the Canadian central bank and chairman of the Swiss-based Financial Stability Board.

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney speaks to reporters at a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outlook. Economy gaining momentum: BoC

The Bank of Canada is taking a more positive view of the Canadian economy, while doubling down on warnings over household debt, the strong dollar and now the price of oil.

Building on Tuesday's policy rate announcement that predicted 2.4 per cent annual growth this year and next, the central bank's quarterly monetary policy review provided a generally positive spin on Canada's economic outlook — particularly in the first half of this year.

The central bank said growth in the first three months of the year will likely be a relatively robust 2.5 per cent annualized, well above the 1.8 level it had expected in its January report.

The second and third quarters will be similarly stronger than previously thought, it said, allowing the economy to return to full capacity for the first time since the recession by the first half of 2013 — as much as six months earlier than anticipated. Then the expansion will moderate, but remain positive.

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Travel

WestJet teams up with Thomas Cook

WestJet Airlines said Wednesday it has an exclusive arrangement to fly sun destination charter flights for Thomas Cook Canada next winter.

The announcement, which came less than a week after the leisure travel company made an early exit from a five-year deal with Jazz Aviation, will see WestJet provide all flights for Sunquest Vacations in the 2012-1013 winter season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retail

Couche-Tard expands to Europe with $2.8B deal

Canada's largest convenience store chain is launching a long-anticipated overseas expansion with a $2.8-billion US deal to buy Scandinavia's leading oil retailer. Alimentation Couche-Tard's shares hit a series of all-time highs on the TSX on Wednesday after the deal for Statoil Fuel & Retail ASA, the independent retail operations of Norway's state oil company, was announced.

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If you're not already playing dead, you need to read this article. If one of your fellow transit passengers reads this and is curled up on the bus floor, leave them there. They did the right thing.

Did you know that 90 per cent of the bear maulings that happen on public transit are preventable? It's true.

How do I know so much? Well, I love spending time in the Canadian wilderness, where the weather is unpredictable, deadly wildlife is everywhere, and several of the hostels have Wi-Fi that only works, like, half the time. So I know about roughing it.

Just saying

I've been thinking about this because last week there was a viral news video that showed a bear roaming in a Los Angeles neighbourhood. It even crossed paths with a man who had his head down while walking and texting. In a moment of tragedy, that man survived.

I've even hiked in the majestic Rocky Mountains. (They're inevitably described that way because, like royalty, they serve no practical purpose.) In the Rockies, you can't help but appreciate life to the fullest because residents constantly remind you that it could end at any moment.

Every time you turn around, someone is reminding you that you're in "bear country," which unilaterally seceded from Canada in 1994. "Hello, and welcome to the Stay-a-While Inn," they'll say, "where we haven't had a bear mauling in 26 minutes. You're in room 122. Please be advised, there is a bear warning in your bathroom."

And bear country is growing. I've been thinking about this because last week there was a viral news video that showed a bear roaming in a Los Angeles neighbourhood. It even crossed paths with a man who had his head down while walking and texting. In a moment of tragedy, that man survived.

But you might not be so lucky. Bears wandering in suburbs will become more common with climate change (i.e. bears can't afford downtown condos in this economic climate), so you'd best be prepared.

Here's what you need to know:

- Watch closely for signs that a bear might be nearby. These include hats, bow ties, neckties, and stolen picnic baskets. Also, ranger carcasses.
- LOOK OUT! Did you play dead this time? (Bonus tip: This also works in human relationships.)
- Sometimes playing dead doesn't work and it's better to fight back. The rule of thumb is that if a bear's putting a big sprig of parsley on your back, he's not buying it.
- Unless you've spent the last 10 years investing money in RIM, don't run. Bears can run at high speeds for long periods of time. And if you do start to get away, they'll just jump on one of those bicycles they always ride, while their trainer applauds them on.

And those are my tips. I hope you found them helpful.

OK, you can get up now. Unless there's a bear. In which case, feed it someone walking and texting. Everybody wins.

Gasp! A bear! DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

New York City comes full circle

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Surreal landscape photo

For American photographer and filmmaker Randy Scott Slavin, it's a topsy-turvy world out there, full of "wonder and different perspectives." For his Alternate Perspective photo series, the 34-year-old New Yorker travelled across America turning everyday surroundings into surreal landscapes.

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individual images of a scene are used to build up a 360 degree photo. Then, using computer software, Slavin stitches them together to make a stereographic projection. Battery Park Night (above) was 35 photos, each with an exposure time of three seconds.

60 seconds

Randy Scott Slavin

Mesmerizing images — what inspired you?

Growing up, I was always inspired by the surreal, disorientating artwork of M.C. Escher. But overall I'm motivated by seeing the world in a whole new perspective.

What was your biggest challenge in this art project?

It wasn't so much that I needed to take many photographs of the one scene as capturing it all many times with the constantly changing light. Also, standing outside in freezing winter air was not a pleasant experience.

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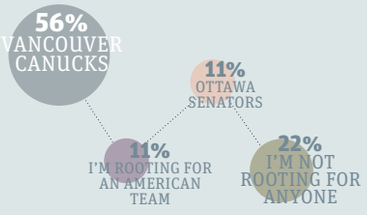

Twitter

@taboada93:
I don't know what the trends are. I'm just hoping I can see my tweet in the @metrotoronto newspaper again.

@sexytypewriter:
Mr. Ford, you represent the people of Toronto. All of them. Go to #Pride. Set an example. Your cottage will be there all summer long.

@jocelyngeddie:
Hey Pride Toronto, you have enough time to plan a diversion of the parade route past Ford's cottage this year, right?

@dalma:
Never thought I'd agree with Rob Ford! "@lizchurchto: "You should leave it in the staff's hands," Mayor Ford on zoo decision. #TOpoli"

@stephcommisso:
Oh it's the hardest thing to say in the world, I'm sorry.

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Scene in brief

Beliebers will get new album on June 19

Have faith, Beliebers: Justin Bieber says his new album will be out June 19. Believe is Bieber's third full-length release and both prior albums — 2010's My World 2.0 and last year's Christmas disc Under the Mistletoe — opened at No. 1 on the Canadian charts en route to multi-platinum sales. Bieber shared the news during an appearance on the reality singing competition The Voice on Tuesday night.

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On the web

Great geeks: Morgan Spurlock trains lens on cultural phenomenon of Comic-Con

Documentary an ode to the neighbourhood record store

Sound it Out. Film makes its Toronto debut to mark Record Store Day 2012

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There's something about record stores that attracts a weird subsection of people. Which is probably why Sound It Out, an English documentary about Sound it Out Records, a tiny independent record shop in the North East of England, makes for such enjoyable viewing.

Director Jeanie Finlay grew up with shop owner Tom Butchart and would visit the store regularly when she'd make trips home, mostly just to catch up with her friend and to soak up the atmosphere. "The shop is a haven," she says. "I remember being in there and thinking this isn't just a haven to me."

Collectors are a strange breed to begin with, often cursed with the obsessive need to accumulate and complete sets of things. That, coupled with the let-your-freak-flag-fly nature of the last 50 years of popular music, basically guarantees that record shops are going to attract some real characters. Sound It Out is no exception.

From the super fan obsessed with the band Status Quo to the DJs looking for mákina (a hideous regional blend of UK hardcore dance and trance) records, Butchart caters to all his customers' needs.

"I knew that there was this film there, the way that you listen to someone on the radio you just know you like them," Finlay says.

She was right, and last year the doc was named The Official Film of Record Store Day in the U.K. The film makes its Toronto debut this weekend to coincide with Record Store Day 2012 on April 21, an annual celebration of indie record stores that's quickly become a major X on any vinyl aficionado's calendar. Many bands release special, limited edition material specifically for the day.

Finlay says she's not much of a collector, but sees a lot of herself in the shy eccentrics that populate the store. "That was my reason for making it," she says. "I think filmmakers make films about themselves."

Sound It Out is screening April 20 to April 25 at Bloor Hot Docs Cinema, 506 Bloor St. West.

Record Store Day releases

Due to their limited edition nature, not every Record Store Day release makes it to every record store, but keep your eyes peeled for these gems.

- **Arcade Fire — Sprawl II 12".** Montreal heroes give this Suburbs standout the remix treatment.
- **Mastodon/Feist — Commotion/Black Tongue 7".** Canadian indie-chanteuse covers Atlanta metal band and vice versa.
- **The Flaming Lips and Heady Fwends LP.** Oklahoma freaks get busy with a mess of collaborators including Yoko Ono, Ke$ha, Biz Markie and Bon Iver.

Sound it Out opens April 20 at Bloor Hot Docs Cinema. HANDOUT

Mraz brings a new kinda love

Folk-pop. California singer breaks his heart open for new love-themed disc, on heels of multi- platinum performance

Jason Mraz, known for feel-good, hippie hits like I'm Yours and The Remedy, released his latest album Love Is a Four Letter Word

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It's been nearly four years since Grammy-winning troubadour Jason Mraz released his multi-platinum album We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things and its sunny ukulele-infused hit I'm Yours.

The California singer-songwriter says he had planned to tackle a follow-up to that disc at the end of 2010, and even had 40 or 50 new tunes written for it.

But one day he realized the tracks were "the work really of just clever songwriting" and didn't fit into his vision of a "love" concept album.

Mraz then told himself: "I need a little bit more experience in the world. I need to get out of my head and go break my heart open somehow," the socially conscious pop-folk artist recalled in a recent interview to promote his new album, Love is a Four Letter Word, out this week.

"So I started doing more volunteer work and I started travelling more and pushing myself — surfing bigger waves, riding my bicycle farther, even questioning the relationships in my life to say, 'Do these really serve me and am I showing up the best way I can possibly show up, or am I just trying to fit some mould?'

"I realized how many things I was attached to that were stopping me from being the strongest and have the most interesting life that I could. And once I broke that open, songs around May of 2011 really started to just pour out ... from my heart and not just from my pen."

Mraz tested tunes for Love is a Four Letter Word on the road last year with his longtime friend, percussionist Noel (Toca) Rivera.

The trek took them around North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Africa, where Mraz sang the cover tune Freedom Song — which is on his new album — with children living in a shelter in Ghana.

"It was raining one night when I first arrived, they all met me outside and they were singing the Freedom Song and they knew it word for word and it blew my mind," said Mraz, 34, noting the children first learned the track from the non-profit organization that he worked with in Ghana, Free The Slaves.

"It again woke me up to the power of songwriting and what it can do to make someone's day or brighten up a moment."

Dancing and playing music and games with children there also taught Mraz he can connect with kids — something the Virginia native said he'd never before felt, even when he was young.

"That's the first time I ever thought, 'I could have kids, I could see how I could actually contribute to another little kid's life,"' said Mraz.

"When parents say 'Oh, you get to relive your childhood all over again through your children,' I saw that too and I was like, 'Oh, this is a good idea. Maybe I'll adopt."'

Though love is the theme of the new album, it's about more than just courtship of a relationship.

"It's compassion for others, compassion for oneself, it's loving unconditionally," said the soft-spoken Mraz, who's won two Grammys.

"There's a couple of baby-making jams on there but it's not all romantic love."

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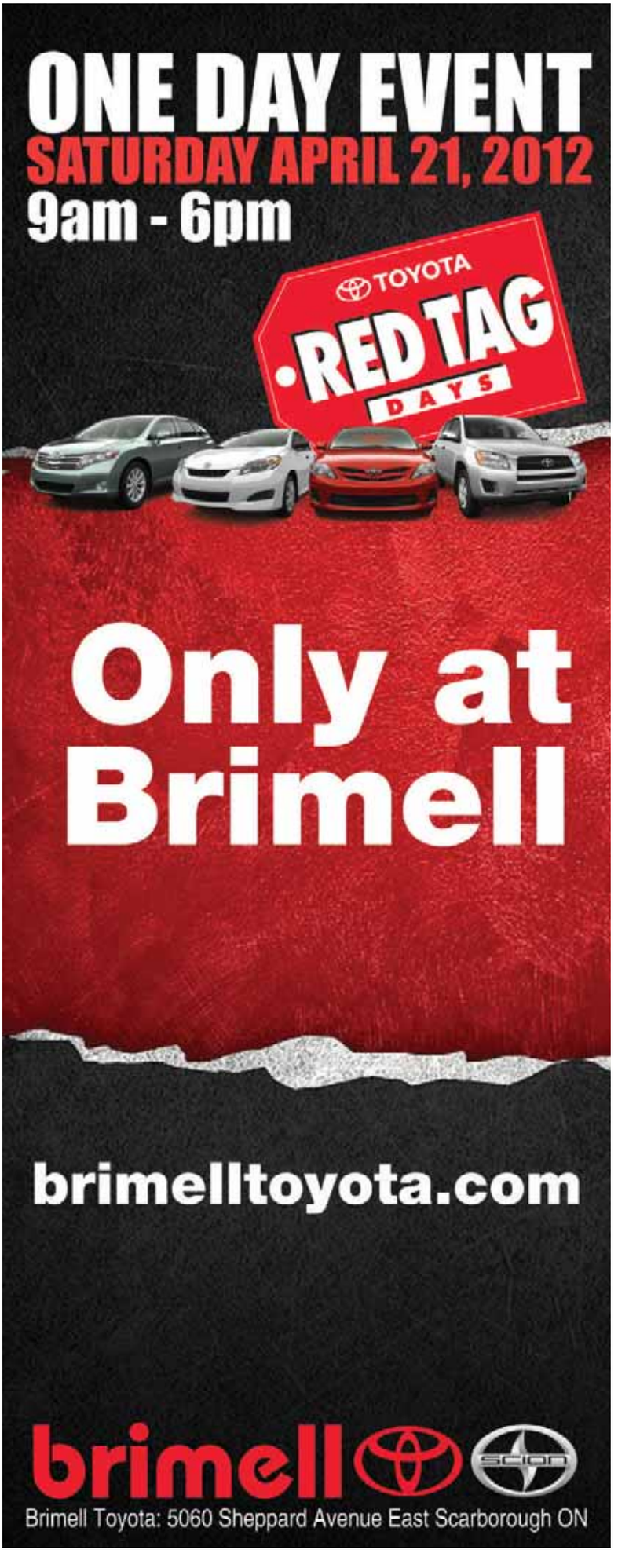
Behind the tunes

More than just music

- **Charity.** A longtime philanthropist, he's created his own charitable foundation, helped with efforts to clean up the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and recently went to Antarctica with former U.S. vice-president Al Gore to learn about climate change.
- **Eating.** Mraz is also a vegan and has an avocado farm in San Diego, where he got his start performing in coffee houses.



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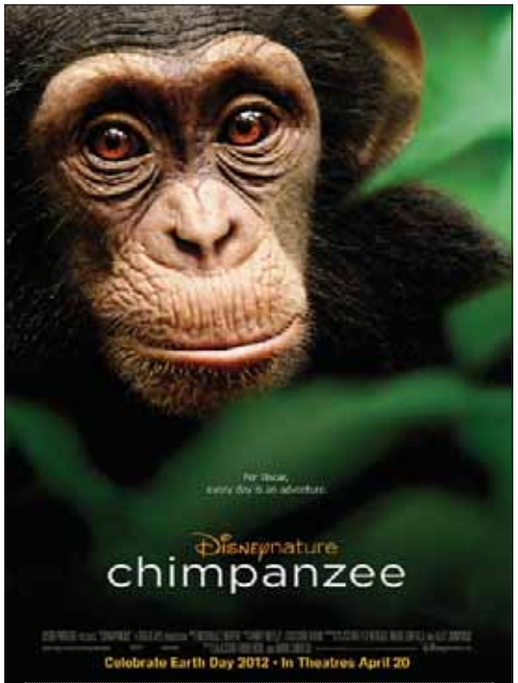

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Alabama Shakes take off on their magic carpet ride

Debut album. Boys & Girls getting lots of attention from the music industry, critical acclaim from media across the planet

The Alabama Shakes', from left, Heath Fogg, Zac Cockrell, Brittany Howard and Steve Johnson pose for a photograph during the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas. JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brittany Howard already had her life planned out by the time she hit her 20s, and it didn't include any of this.

The lead singer and force of nature in Alabama Shakes, rock 'n' roll's newest phenomenon, already had a good job delivering mail and hoped to hold onto it.

Like many folks reared in the rural South, she didn't expect much more. Maybe she could carve out a little happiness with a husband and some kids.

"Where we're from, playing music and just playing music is not an avenue to take," Howard said.

"It's not an option. Because like, where we're from, most of the people, they've tried their best to get the best job they can and then they stay with that job until they can retire. So music was just kind of like our hobby. It was something we would do to release at the end of the day or still feel like human beings."

In less than a year, all that has changed and her quartet from Athens, Ala., has become a success story so unlikely even the band's manager calls it "an anomaly."

Maximum buzz has preceded the Shakes' debut album Boys & Girls with sold-out tours of the United States and Europe, fawning media coverage and an endless string of surprises.

Howard, 23, sat down for a morning interview early in the band's overstuffed run through the South By Southwest Music Festival last month.

The band rented a house in a tony section of town and was loose and celebrating over breakfast tacos after a successful Austin City Limits taping and in anticipation of a heavy schedule of live showcases at the music conference.

They'd just learned they'd be joining Jack White for part of his tour and big opportunities seemed to be coming up every day.

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Quote

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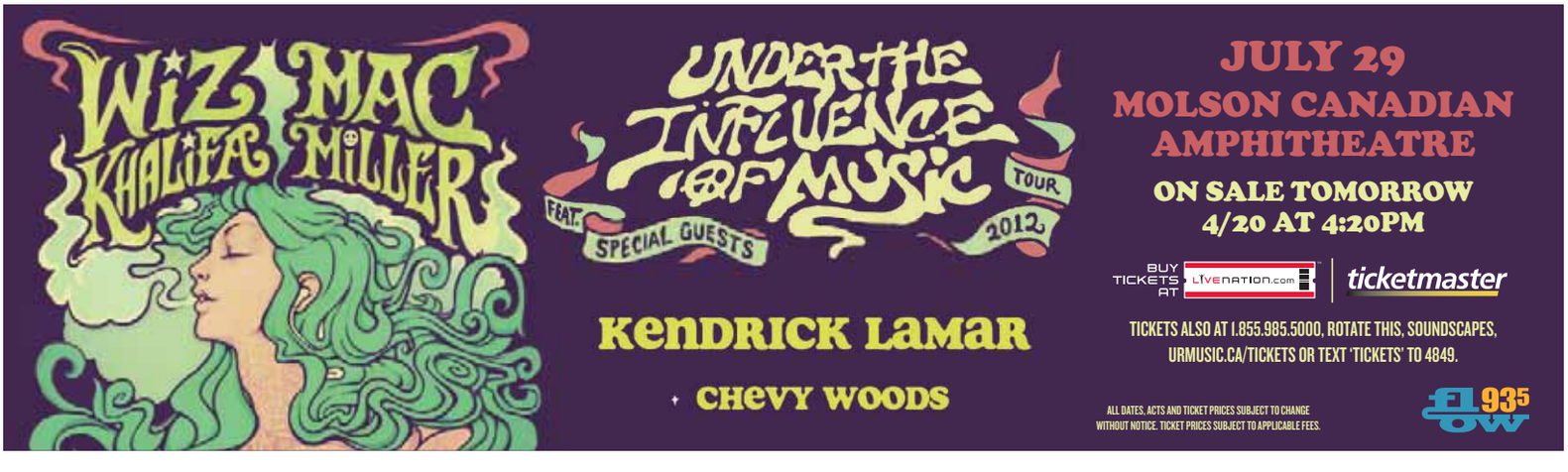
Brittany Howard
On their road to success

Analysis

Not your typical rock star attitude

Warm and open, but a little shy and hesitant to make eye contact, Brittany Howard hardly resembled the larger-than-life figure she is on stage. With only an EP, a handful of professionally produced videos and a legion of YouTube fan postings, there's been little for the curious to go on since the band first started gaining attention last summer. But every time Howard and her bandmates — bassist Zac Cockrell, drummer Steve Johnson and guitarist Heath Fogg — play out live, they gain more true believers who turn and pass on the word.

The Shakes' musical approach is laid back — simple riffs that sway and build laid down over fertile grooves. There's nothing elaborate and no need to be because within a few bars, Howard comes in with a voice that rattles the room.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Alt rock

Picture Show, Neon Trees

The band Neon Trees has decided to double down with the brash synth-rock sound on Picture Show, its sophomore release. The all-Mormon foursome from Provo, Utah packs a decent pop punch, but the arrangements meander from cautious to, unfortunately, contrived. The band is fronted by Tyler Glenn, a talented vocalist full of tricks who is not afraid to use them all. The opening vocals on Moving in the Dark have tinges of Axl Rose's soaring Appetite-era scream. And he's just getting started. Songs such as Teenage Sounds and Hooray for Hollywood supply plenty of pace, while lacking ingenuity. Drummer Elaine Bradley has the speed to drive a fast song faster, but her by-the-book turns and fills lack imagination. Musically, it all circles back to Glenn's vocals. If you like a raucous and occasionally whiny delivery, he's your guy. Not to diminish his skill set, but his voice can go from good to grating in a heartbeat. Still, he's the straw that stirs the drink. All in all, Picture Show is a scattershot approach to being a well-backed rock band. Perhaps there's a nice car commercial track here, and movie soundtrack song there and hopefully a hit along the way. Yet, the album feels artistically rudderless.

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Compilation

Treme, Music from the HBO Original Series, Season Two, Various Artists

It doesn't take long for Treme's second season soundtrack to find the pulse of the good old New Orleans. Music is the city's bread and butter and music is the force that powers it to emerge from the ashes left in the wake of hurricane Katrina. The show's themes of survival are clearly illustrated by this remarkable album. The 18 tracks collated from the street and from live club performances of acclaimed artists saunter between genres, but don't stray from the Big Easy's styles. Everything from traditional jazz to Cajun music, roots rock, brass bands and R&B makes an appearance. The Hot 8 Brass Brand starts the party with some sexy trumpets and drums that almost veer into hip-hop in New Orleans After the City. A vocalist raps: "This is my city, my town/New Orleans/It's where I want to be/that's the place for me" in a bold introduction. Tom McDermott and Evan Christopher's clarinet and piano-laden Heavy Henry strays into Woody Allen spring-in-New York territory, lending the compilation an out-of-body experience. The Iguanas infuse some Latin fire into the scene with Oye, Isabel, while Aurora Nealand and The Royal Roses recall the spirit of the 1940s with Ferry Man.

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Pop

Slingshot, Rebecca Pidgeon

Rebecca Pidgeon surfaces for the sixth time from her other artistic career — acting — to put together an easy listening album that showcases her crystalline voice, guitar and songwriting skills. Recorded with Grammy Award-winning producer Larry Klein, the utterly calming Slingshot marks their third collaboration.Slingshot includes a co-production between Pidgeon and her husband, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright/film director David Mamet. The largely a cappella Baby Please Come Home showcases Pidgeon's vibrating vocals and opens a strange time capsule where one hears echoes of Sarah McLachlan's hit Angel. The album features songs written by Pidgeon, including Get Up, Get Out, A Lonely Place and I Loved No-One. In fact, the eerily dark lyrics are the strong suit of the record. The singer manages to lend the pop production extra depth that comes from longing ("I'll stop this sighing/I'll break this sadness/Something calls me/In the darkness"), loving ("But you are picture perfect/And we talk into the night") and living ("You couldn't find the corkscrew/So we drank beer instead/Then we played catch until morning"). Get Up, Get Out sets an upbeat tone in the beginning, while A Lonely Place charms with its noir feel.

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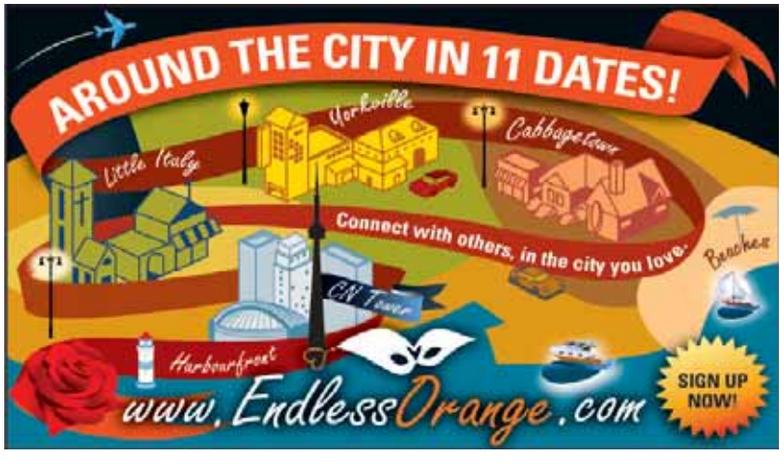

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BY KURRI LAMBSMIT

While the recent rise in electric vehicle purchases shows great promise for the environment, it has also resulted in the resurgence of an unexpected and troubling phenomenon – Electriphobia.

According to research, this very real condition is characterized by an irrational fear of electric cars. Common symptoms include the fear of electrocution, Gas Withdrawal Anxiety (GWA), Tailpipe Separation Anxiety (TSA) and the fear of becoming a hippie (FOBAH).

"Electriphobia has become one of the top fears for the average person."

A number of health organizations have responded to help combat this alarming affliction. The most notable of these is the Electriphobia Research Institute (ERI). This very official organization has positioned itself as the go-to resource for any and all Electriphobia information and treatment. ERI Director Dr. Erin Ferguson summarized their mission at the World Phobia Summit, saying they are "determined to stop this epidemic, before it becomes a really big epidemic."

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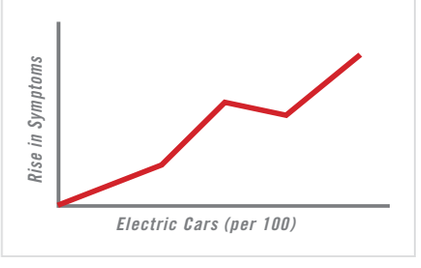

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50 years of tongues, tight trousers

This year marks The Rolling Stones' golden anniversary. We look at how the band's most stylish members have influenced fashion. **RICHARD PECKETT**

Fashion forward and always fun — Mick Jagger. HANDOUT

Mick Jagger

Lead singer, lothario and arguably one of the first faces of androgynous dressing. Remember those Ossie Clark jumpsuits? The skin-tight jumpsuits have been left in the '70s but his fashion legacy of chest-baring tops, outlandish striped trousers and tailored suits lives on. The infamous shirt dress he wore even surfaced in Alexander McQueen's show.

Keith Richards

He made it cool for a guy to wear silky neck ties and eyeliner. And the fact that Johnny Depp based Captain Jack Sparrow on Keith Richards makes the craggy-faced guitarist something of a legend. He also showed his charitable side by designing T-shirts in aid of last year's tsunami in Japan.

Ronnie Woods

Two words: That hair. And two more: Those feathers. Mick and Keith got most of the attention, but Ronnie had some pretty outrageous fashion moments of his own. His interest in fashion lives on. We spotted him front row during the autumn/winter '12 men's shows in London. But sadly, he wasn't wearing this.

Hardcore stoners

Are you a big fan of the Rolling Stones? If so, you may want to check out this collectible photo album.

- **Tongue out, strutting his stuff.** Jagger's pouting poses have been curated by François Hébel in Mick Jagger: The Photobook.
- **A coffee table must for any big fans out there.** The collectible shows Jagger in a number of guises, from strutting frontman to artistic muse — transfixing and a none too pricey coffee table must. It is retailing for $24. More information can be found at Thamesandhudson.com.

Visitor self-discovery. Montreal Star Wars exhibit features prop power

A new Star Wars exhibit is packed with film-prop drawing power for the hardcore aficionado: from Han Solo's "carbonite" prison, to Anakin Skywalker's full-size podracer, to Princess Leia's metal bikini.

But the Montreal Science Centre's interactive, multimedia exposition, titled Star Wars Identities: The Exhibition, aims to offer more than the chance to gaze deep into Jabba the Hutt's glassy, remote-controlled eyeballs.

The exhibit's creators hope to encourage patrons to look inward for their own journey of self-discovery — through the Star Wars lens.

The goal is to teach visitors about the origins, influences and choices that moulded the films' heroes.

The spaceship Star destroyer is seen at the world premiere of a Star Wars exhibit. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The producers then want customers to explore their own identity.

"It was a really innovative way to look at the characters and the property in a whole new way," Kyra Bowling, exhibition manager for Lucasfilm Ltd., said Tuesday at the show's media launch in Montreal.

"What shaped them? Be it the design process or what you see up on screen. But then turning the mirror around: Well, how do you see yourself in that as well?"

The show, a collaboration between Lucasfilm and Montreal's X3 Productions, will make its world premiere when it opens Thursday.

It will run in Montreal's Old Port until Sept. 16.

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The Word

Memorable movie experiences

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The State Supreme Courthouse in lower Manhattan was bathed in light on Tuesday night as movie stars (Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, and Dakota Fanning to name just a few), business titans (Ronald Perelman), media mavens (Katie Couric, Charlie Rose, Jared Kushner), designers (Tory Burch, Donna Karan, and Rachel Roy) and Mayor Michael Bloomberg kicked off the 11th year of the Tribeca Film Festival at the uber-swank Vanity Fair party.

We asked these celebrities: What's the first film you remember seeing that had a major impact on you?

Katie Couric
"My mom took me to The Birds when I was five-years-old. I don't think she knew how gory it was. And I remember running up and down the aisles screaming. And maybe that explains a lot. A lot."

Jane Rosenthal (festival co-founder with Robert De Niro):
"Mary Poppins. She was like the first super-hero woman. She could do everything. She was magical. She seemed to do it all. And there's a little girl named Jane so I really liked that too. I can still sing all the lyrics, but I won't."

Bob Balaban:
"The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T. was a really big movie for me. It's a cult classic now. It was a fantasy. It was MGM in the early '50s. It was all about a little boy and his piano teacher and he falls asleep and has a dream in which they built a piano where they had however many children — 5,000 fingers playing the piano. It's pretty beautiful."

Tory Burch:
"I always loved To Catch a Thief, especially for the clothes. It inspired me as a designer. I thought that the style was amazing."

John Forté:
"I remember cutting class one day to see Conan the Barbarian. We snuck into the wrong theatre and ended up seeing Wall Street. My friends fell asleep but I was captivated. I came home and started asking my mom to see the business section of the newspaper so I could learn about commodities trading and about stocks and bonds and what the differences were and what yields were."

A Douglas moment

- Reporters called to couple Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones (who looked ravishing in a one-shoulder gray sequined dress and Christian Louboutin heels) to come over but they wouldn't talk. "We talked all last night," said Douglas, referring to Monday night when he was honoured for his contributions to the theater at the 12th Annual Monte Cristo Awards.

Perry 'a lost soul right now'?

Katy Perry has been putting on a brave face in the wake of her split from Russell Brand, but sources claim the pop star is pining for her comic ex, according to Us Weekly.

"Katy's been trying to get him back. She's a lost soul right now," a source says. The sudden change was reportedly spurred on by a trip to India earlier this month, where Perry and Brand tied the knot in 2010.

"She'd already been missing Russell. Being back there stirred up even more old feelings."

But a rekindled romance isn't likely, the source warns. "Right now, Katy and Russell are trying to get to the point where they can at least be friends."

Sharon Osbourne

Osbourne has some harsh words for Cowell

Sharon Osbourne has a few not-so-nice words for former co-worker Simon Cowell, now that an unauthorized biography on the X Factor boss claims Osbourne quit the reality show because she was jealous of Cowell's alleged affair with fellow judge Danii Minogue.

"I left because I didn't like that girl. When it's not fun, you go," Osbourne insists on her talk-show, The Talk, in response to the story.

"I couldn't care if he was having sex with anything." But the outspoken Osbourne didn't leave it at that: "I think he is a victim of small penis syndrome," she adds. "You can't buy the goods."

Paquin and Moyer expecting their own lil' vampire

True Blood co-stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are expecting their first child, a rep confirms to People magazine. The pair met on the HBO vampire series in 2007 and tied the knot in 2010 during a seaside ceremony in Malibu.

Shortly after they wed, Paquin had expressed hesitation about getting pregnant.

"I have trouble planning anything more than brunch with my friends," Paquin told Marie Clare at the time. "But when the time's right, we'll do it."

This is Oscar-winner Paquin's first child, while Moyer has a son and a daughter from previous relationships.

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Going out with a bang

Straight up. Rooney Mara's bangs in Girl With the Dragoon Tattoo were all over last month's fall 2012 runways. But does this polished look work in hot, sticky weather? We discuss

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"Cutting in fringe is a great way to change up your look dramatically without chopping all your hair off," says hairstylist John Ruggiero from L.A., who has worked wonders on the locks of Elizabeth Olsen and Gisele Bündchen.

"It's a great summer look because it can keep your hair away from your face and still look chic," the guru adds. He talks us through how to keep bangs looking cool and fresh as the weather heats up.

1

Go bold

It's been a little while since Girl With the Dragon Tattoo hit theatres, but Rooney Mara's hair is just beginning to take off as a trend (as witnessed by all of the blunt cut bangs in last month's runway shows). Let's be honest, though; a major part of the appeal is her attitude. "The best way to pull off a really cool fringe like Rooney Mara's is to have that effortless confidence. I'm seeing a lot of different fringe styles right now — straight, wavy, long, short, super short — but it's all about figuring out which look works best for you and owning it."

2

Pick your products wisely

Yes, you want your hair to look great, but you don't want to cause forehead breakouts under there. "Always go for a product that is lightweight and that will protect your hair against heat and humidity. Something like Bumble and Bumble Straight Blow Dry cream will work best. And maybe add a light holding spray at the end," Ruggiero adds.

3

Maximize one cut

Turn the most annoying part about wearing bangs — the fast grow-out — into an opportunity to play around with your 'do.

"Cut your fringe really short and then let it grow out getting a trim every four to six weeks," he says. That way you can go super short one week, and longer and side-swept the next.

Behold, the look that started it all: Rooney Mara's razor-sharp, super-cropped bangs. GETTY IMAGES

Hair products to keep your fringe under control

1 Bumble and Bumble
Straight Blow Dry
$28, bumbleand bumble.com

2 Oribe
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$38, oribe.com

3 Frederic Fekkai
Smooth Sailing Anti-Frizz Cream
$25, fekkai.com

Three to compare

1 Short
Alexa Chung
Alexa's bangs aren't quite as blunt as Mara's, making for a more natural, undone look.

2 Longer
Jennifer Lawrence
Jennifer Lawrence's beachy fringe has that, "I've just come back from an island holiday," thing happening.

3 Longest
Rihanna
Rihanna nails the between-haircuts-sideswept 'do.

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Today's picks

Kenzo for Vans

Vans has churned out too many special editions of its classic Era shoe to count. Some of them have been really good. Others have just been, eh (pink Hello Kitty lace-ups, anyone?). But its latest collaboration with Kenzo achieves a rare perfect balance, basically creating a kind of prototype for what the skate shoe should be: colourful, a little off-beat and cool. The collection, designed by Humberto Leon and Carol Lim, features the same net graphic prints from their spring/summer '12 collection in seven different colorways. They're almost too cute to ollie in.
kenzo.com

The paisley tee

Raf Simons is a hot topic, now that he's been named the new creative director of Christian Dior. A graphic shirt from his critically acclaimed ss12 collection for Jil Sander is not only an on-trend update for your jeans and Tee combo (paisley is everywhere right now), but a cool investment for hardcore fashion collectors.

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Luke Siddens, left, used a cellphone photo of his prom date's dress to make sure his tie was a matching shade of brown. PATRICIA WEINTRAUB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How to tie it together

Prom must.
Colour co-ordinating his tie with her dress

It's a prom must-have, right up there with the dress and shoes: The guy's tie must match the girl's gown. And many teens today use cellphones to aid the colour co-ordination.

Kourtney Ziercher took a picture of her dress in the store to send to her date, Michael George, for her prom last year at Barat Academy in Chesterfield, Mo.

"I told him it was burnt orange, and he got the tie to match," she said.

"She knew that it was not a typical colour, but the tie I got even had a little design on it that matched the design on the dress," Michael said, referring to a light tiger stripe print on the fabric.

"She was really excited about it. The girl's dress is a big deal. If the outfit doesn't go perfectly, if the guy isn't matching, it's a problem. I made sure it worked."

In Fort Collins, Colo., Amy Weintraub sent a picture of her chocolate brown dress to her date, Luke Siddens, and he used the image to get a matching tie and vest for their prom last week at Poudre High School.

"I didn't realize he wanted to match me," Amy said. "He just kind of decided that on his own. It was a little lighter than the dress, but it matched pretty well."

But with so many dresses store-bought these days, and with cellphone photos sometimes producing unreliable hues, stores often provide physical swatches to assist in colourco-ordination. David's Bridal, which expects to sell 110,000 prom dresses this year in 300 stores, sells fabric swatches for $1 with dress purchases.

Sarah LaRue, a senior at Sheldon High School in Eugene, Ore., picked out a dress at the local David's Bridal and was happy to have the fabric scrap to give her date. "It's a turquoise blue, and with that dress, you need the exact colour to match it," she said. "If it was even a little bit off, it wouldn't look right."

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Recycling style

For homemade dresses, ties can always be made from leftover fabric.

- For a 2010 prom at her school in Castlegar, B.C., Arielle Roberts made her dress with the help of a grandmother and aunt. Her date's mom sewed a matching tie "when the green bow-tie and cummerbund she'd ordered for him weren't quite the right shade," she said.

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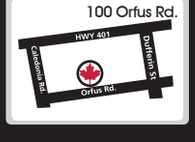

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Fashion editor finds. Check out what style connoisseurs have on the very top of must-buy lists this spring

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A-List Update

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Her clients include Scarlett Johansson, Liv Tyler and Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. Rockport Janae leather buckled bootie, $200, and Janae Dorsay leather ankle strap $140, rockport.com

Swish Sneakers

Looking for walking shoes with a little more luxe than your average sports store can deliver? Chanel's Spring 2012 sneakers in classic beige and black will elevate jeans and a T-shirt beyond errand-running attire. Chanel canvas and leather sneakers, $630, chanel.ca

Longchamp Loves Coco

Our favourite Canadian model Coco Rocha is the face for French handbag maker Longchamp's Spring 2012 handbag campaign. Rocha is dragged through the brick-lined streets of New York by a rambunctious Weimaraner, looking chic with Longchamp's new spring select: a lizard-printed hobo-shaped handbag. Perfect for walking the dog, running daytime errands and a night on the town. Balzane Iguane lizard-printed hobo bag, $1,300, longchamp.com

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in platform shoes and a tom ford cape of course. What else would anyone wear?

@Jeanne_Beker Oh the vision you conjure up! Would so adore running into you at the hot dog stand...

@bwilso42
Jeans, TOMS, classic white T-shirt and my Jays Hat from the last time they won the world series.

@Jeanne_Beker Direct and to the point! Sounds like perfection. But it's chilly tonight. A windbreaker peut etre??

@MAHADEV_108
ballcap, cargos, chucks converse and a white tee.

@Jeanne_Beker Love it. But might need a jacket. These spring nights are still chilly....

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3. Scoop batter into 12 greased or lined muffin tins. Bake in centre of 350 F (180 C) oven for about 25 minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let cool completely.

4. Cream-Cheese-Maple Frosting: In bowl, beat cream cheese and maple syrup. Gradually add icing sugar and beat until fluffy and smooth. Spread each cakelet with frosting and sprinkle with sprinkles if desired.

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Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 mL) flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) cinnamon
- ½ tsp (2 mL) ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) baking soda
- ¾ cup (175 mL) pure maple syrup
- ½ cup (125 mL) brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, melted
- ½ tsp (2 mL) vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) grated raw carrots

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- 4 oz (125 g) light cream cheese
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This recipe makes 12 cakelets. EMILY RICHARDS

Cookbook of the Week

The Back In the Day Bakery Cookbook

Back in the Day Bakery is a Savannah, Ga., landmark. To celebrate its 10th anniversary, owners Cheryl and Griff Day have written a book filled with customers' favourites.

The book is packed with the couple's baking know-how and recipes for their Buttermilk Biscones, Old Fashioned Cupcakes, Chocolate Bread, Cinnamon Sticky Buns, S'more Pie, Drunk Blondies and more.

Full-colour photos of food and behind-the-scenes bakery shots give readers a glimpse into the sweet daily life at the bakeshop. **METRO**

Make drool-worthy popovers

This recipe makes 12 servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Coat a 1.5-l (6-cup) popover pan with cooking spray.

2. In blender, combine flour, milk, eggs, butter, sugar, salt and cardamom. Blend until very smooth batter is created, about 1 minute. Fill each prepared popover pan cup about halfway with batter. The remainder can be baked as a second batch or refrigerated for up to 24 hours.

3. Bake 30 mins. Remove popovers from pan and use knife to cut small hole in top of each for steam to escape. Let cool.

4. Filling: In bowl, gently stir mascarpone, honey, lemon juice and zest, and cinnamon. When popovers have cooled enough to handle, carefully tear opening in each just enough to be able to spoon in about 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the filling. Serve each with sliced strawberries or other fresh berries. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients

Popovers

- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 4 large eggs
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, melted
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cardamom

Filling

- 2 tubs (each 250 g/8 oz) mascarpone
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The project overview

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House hunting the GTA

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Earlier this week, a headline on the New York Times website caught my eye. It read: House Hunting in ... Canada.

With an enormous amount of attention paid to Toronto's condominium sales over the last year, I thought the article was another take on the same story.

But it wasn't.

The article is about house hunting in Montreal and speaks to the city's various neighbourhoods, real estate pricing and the type of people moving to and buying property in Montreal now. It even dedicated part of the article to "buying basics" for those unaware of the fees and tax structure in Quebec.

This got me thinking, what would an article like that read like if it were about the GTA?

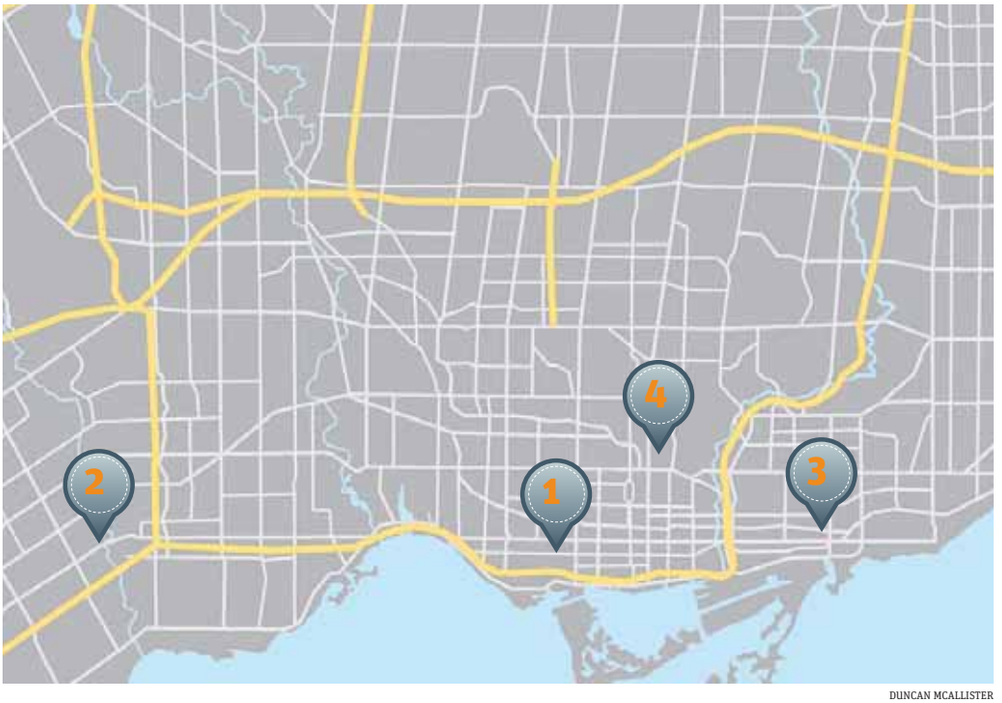
Most importantly, it would have to speak to that fact that the GTA is one of the fastest growing regions in North America with more than 100,000 people from around the globe moving here every year.

In 2011, more than 45,000 new homes were sold in the GTA, which were nearly 10,000 more than the year before. While most of those sales represent condominium units in the City of Toronto, the neighbouring municipalities also saw an increase in new home sales. For example, the high-rise sales in York Region doubled in 2011 from the previous year. When it comes to pricing, the average price of a new low-rise home in February was $564,598 and a new high-rise home was $437,636.

Not only in the new home market, but in resale as well, earlier this week the Canadian Real Estate Association named Toronto the "hottest" housing market—beating out Vancouver— and others across the nation.

This is all to say that we have a robust housing market in the GTA and house-hunting is one of the many things to do here.

What's hot in condo's this week:



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Celebrity designers share their top tips for small spaces

Condo living. Industry experts provide advice on designing small spaces, DIY projects and condo gardening

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Spring arrived early last week at the annual International Home and Garden Show and Successful Gardening Show. It was a double bill with both events being held under one roof at Toronto's International Centre.

The shows featured more than six acres of home and garden shopping and 500 exhibitors. Celebrity designers and gardening gurus were on hand to present seminars and information sessions.

Lynn Spence, a regular style expert on Citytv's CityLine, talked about classic styles that can be done on a budget. For condos, she recommends using one paint colour and one type of flooring throughout, which makes your unit look bigger and more unified.

She also suggests choosing furnishings that can serve multiple purposes. "Multitasking is really important in small spaces ... Your needs might change. What you would need for yourself or with your partner might be very different from what you need if you've got company coming, if you've got a party planned, or if you want to turn one part of the condo into an office."

Canada's Handyman Shawn Monteith has more than 30 years of experience in the construction industry. He shared his DIY tips and tricks with audiences at the show.

His advice to condo owners about doing your own renovations is to do your homework first. "What you don't want to do is go out and spend the money on material, come in and try to install it and forget to do something. The next thing you know you've got to rip it up and have a professional come in. So read as many books as you can, see as many videos as you can, ask as many experts as you can — do it once, do it right."

Lynn Spence, regular style expert on Citytv's CityLine show. CONTRIBUTED

Outdoor and gardening expert Owen Reeves from the Marilyn Denis show at the Home & Garden Show. CONTRIBUTED

Outdoor and gardening expert Owen Reeves from the Marilyn Denis Show shared his organic landscaping tips and explained how to make a backyard into an eco-conscious oasis.

He warns Metro readers not to put their plants out too early this year. "We've had quite a warm spring, which is great and I think a lot of people are very excited to get out and garden. But the one caution I would have is that for a lot of things — usually with condo gardening we're working with annuals or vegetables — they're very frost-tender, they're very temperature sensitive, so I think people need to be careful about how quickly they put things outside.

"That's important for some condos. There's really less risk of frost because you don't get ground frost on the 30th floor. But for (the 20th floor) or down, there's a definite risk of frost and if a lot of plants get hit, they'll be killed," he says.

The Ontario Horticultural Association held a flower competition with everything from bonsais and cactuses, to flowering and fruited plants. Heinke Thiessen is chair of the flower show and explained that judges look for a combination of balance, rhythm and proportion from the various entries.

Canada's Handyman Shawn Monteith at the Home & Garden Show. CONTRIBUTED

Assignment woes

To assign or not to assign...

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Q: I am scheduled to purchase a condo next month but I have been told at work that I have an opportunity to transfer to another city. With this in mind, I am not that keen to purchase a condo in a city I don't live in. My co-worker has expressed an interest in purchasing the prospective condo. How do I go about this?

A: Your situation is not unfamiliar, as there are many reasons that potential purchasers do not want to complete a real estate transaction. Unfortunately, real estate contracts are one of the most binding agreements you can enter into and are frequently litigated because either the vendor doesn't want to sell or the buyer doesn't want to purchase.

In your case, you may have a natural way out if you can transfer the agreement of purchase and sale to your co-worker. This is a process known as assignment.

The vendor generally has to give their consent to the assignment but if there is no issue with respect to your co-worker being able to complete the transaction and the terms and conditions remain the same, you should be able to assign the agreement to the new purchaser. You will need the written consent of the vendor and then you are off to the races — or in this case, a new job in a new city.

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Guest suites at Manhattan's NoMad Hotel replicate a French poet's residence from the 1920s, but with modern conveniences. NOMADHOTEL.COM

From hotel to home decor ideas

Lap of luxury. Create a European, romantic-style bedroom inspired from Manhattan's NoMad hotel

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These days, you'd be hard-pressed to find newly designed hotels fashioned to please the traditionalist at heart; most are clean-lined, square edged and look somewhat cookie-cutter with their modern dark wood furnishings and pale blue fabrics.

Enter the NoMad Hotel that opened earlier this month in New York City's NoMad neighborhood (north of Madison Square Park) at Broadway and 28th streets. The 168-room hotel is housed in a turn of the century restored Beaux-Arts building with Interiors by French designer Jacques Garcia.

French charm

"The decor has lots of character. Rooms look like a poet's apartment in the heart of Paris, with an eclectic mix of rich materials like hand-knotted rugs, tapestries and silks."

Details I love

The walls and drapes are crisp white and the window panes are highlighted with a punch of black shiny paint.

The artwork is all original and arranged as if is has been collected over the years.

The lighting is all made to look turn of the century, but purposed for today's lifestyle.

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Think Ottawa is boring? It's time to take a second look

Simplicity.
International furniture brand BoConcept looks to Canada for design inspiration

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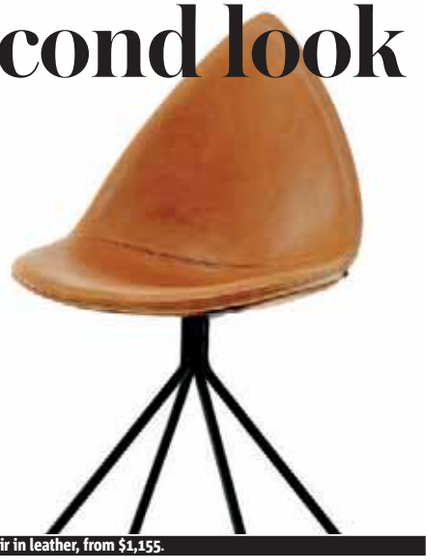
For Metro



Ottawa Chair in leather, from $1,155.

"When I think of Ottawa, I see many geographical similarities to Denmark," says Canadian-born designer Karim Rashid.

"That's how my new collection called Ottawa came to fruition for the 60-year-old Danish-brand furnishings store BoConcept."

Rashid, who was schooled at Ottawa's Carleton University, launched a global furniture and accessory line with BoConcept stores this spring.

The upper-to-mid price range Ottawa collection was inspired by Rashid's love of nature, yet the look is far from rustic.

Its streamlined, simple forms and exquisite quality makes every piece an instant design collectable.

"People think that simple, modern furnishings are so easy to design and make and therefore it should have a low cost attached," he said.

Actually, the simpler the piece, the better quality materials and longer production time is needed to make sure everything is perfect.

"By embellishing furnishings with fabric skirting, studs, trims and bobbles, we can hide a not-so-perfect-form. We hide nothing in this collection and it works very well."

With three Canadian stores already established in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto, and a Montreal location opening at the end of the year, the Danish retailer is imbedding its roots coast to coast while injecting pure Canadian style into its international brand.

Inspirations

Karim Rashid's Ottawa collection was inspired by nature, but the look is modern through and through.

- **Ottawa Chair.** While the chair's seat and back is factory molded for precise comfort, Rashid said the concept sprang from "a modern take on leaves and trees."
- **Sideboard.** Options include various inserts to change the accents from wood to bright colours. Rashid imagined it "like a tree house being supported by trees."

Karim Rashid sits on the Ottawa Chair, part of his collection for Danish furniture brand BoConcept. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

The designer's notable pink signature and thumbprint is like art for the floor. Thumbprint Rug, starting at $895.

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Updating your kitchen doesn't have to be a major operation

Kitchen DIY. It's amazing what a little paint and some new door knobs can do

There is something truly satisfying about seeing your home's value rise as a result of your own hard work. And with that in mind, Kitchen Crashers offers you tips for ideas on how to transform your cooking and entertaining oasis — and maybe even raise the value of your home while you're at it.

Instead of replacing your cabinets, installing new wood or laminate veneer on top of them could save you money. HANDOUT

Resurface

Consider saving money by resurfacing kitchen cabinets instead of completely replacing them. There are many different ways to update cabinets, including refinishing or painting cabinet and drawer fronts, or installing new wood or laminate veneer on top of them. New hardware, such as hinges and knobs, can also help complete the upgrade, and cabinet interiors can be sanded, stained or painted to finish the transformation.

Lighting

The right lighting can dramatically change the look of a kitchen. By adding more light, your kitchen will immediately appear bigger and brighter. Consider incorporating lighting layers such as task lighting, general room lighting and accents. Under-cabinet lighting is an example of task lighting because it focuses light on the work area. It is a simple way to add additional lighting while maximizing space, and provides cooks with additional light to work by. Accent lighting, such as picture and inside cabinet lighting, can add some interesting and fun touches to your space.

Paint

Applying a fresh coat of paint to your walls will make surrounding countertops and cabinets pop! Choosing the colour will depend on the overall look you are after, such as a relaxing taupe or an energizing red. Start by choosing a range of colours and then narrow them down to two or three options. By applying colour choices to canvas boards, you can easily move samples around the room and examine them in different lights and at different times of the day to see which ones are your ultimate favourites.

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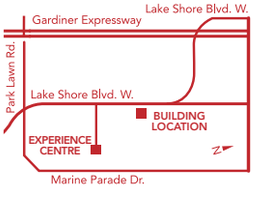

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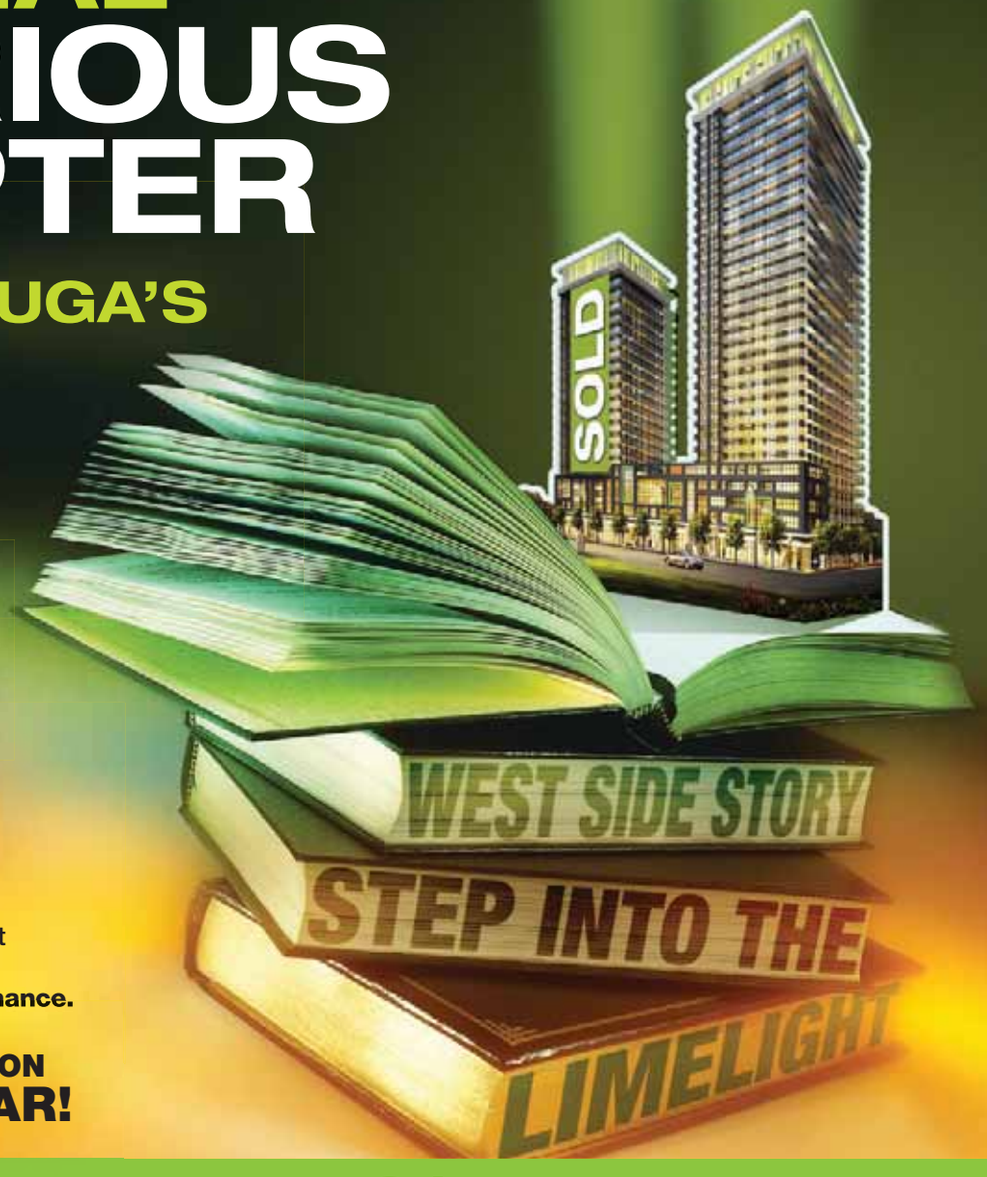

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Removing grease from napkins

Pre-treating is the key

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Dear Charles the Butler, In being more environmentally friendly, my family uses cloth napkins instead of paper. The problem is, though we regularly wash them, greasy food stains stick around. I've tried spot cleaning with Dawn liquid dish detergent, which often has good results, but it's a time-consuming job. Is there a better — and less time-consuming — way to remove grease stains?
Sally

Dear Sally,

Nice to hear you're teaching your family about their environmental footprint. I too use cloth napkins. They're more environmentally friendly and they are so much more enjoyable!

So how to clean these napkins? Unfortunately, each stain does need to be pre-treated. Time consuming, I know, but good dry cleaners deal with each stain/spot individually before a general cleaning.

A ph neutral soap, like what you're currently using, should be applied to each grease stain, let it sit then rinse with cold water. To really work that stain, try soaking the napkins over night in a pail. You could also try commercial spot removers if regular soap is not doing the trick. It's important to remember if the stains are still on the napkins when you take them out of the washer, do not put them in the dryer until you re-treat the stain again. What goes into the dryer comes out the same way, and then it is permanent!

From now on, buy natural fabric cloths because they are easier to clean.

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Vintage isn't the only way to capture the Mad Men era

1960s style. Some tips on recreating retro style from the set decorators of the hit series

Now that another season of Mad Men is taking us back to the 1960s, lovers of mid-century modern style are eyeing the sets for inspiration.

Luckily, the popularity of both the AMC show and the design style makes it easy to find furniture that sets the stage.

The retro decor complements many of today's furnishings — something to remember when you're trying to capture that '60s vibe, says Anthony Larosa, former furniture design department chair at Savannah College of Art and Design. He cautions against going all-in on the vintage look, even if you love it.

"People would have had a mix of furniture in their homes," he notes. "We get attached to things; we take them with us when we move and redecorate."

If you're keen to incorporate vintage, reproduction or newly reissued pieces from the Mad Men era, he suggests starting by looking at books and magazines from the period to see what real interiors looked like. That's the approach the show's set production team took.

Living room furniture

Mad Men's set decorator, Claudette Didul, says she and production designer Dan Bishop are especially proud of the Manhattan apartment they created for newlywed characters Don Draper, an ad agency exec, and his former secretary, Megan Calvet.

The split-level, open-plan living room was initially envisioned by show creator Matthew Weiner, but it was up to the production team to make the space cool, livable and able to accommodate shoot requirements.

Lighting

In period TV shows, light fixtures are essential in delivering the right look. On Mad Men, they're practically characters in themselves. Tall, slender wood, colourful opaque glass, gleaming metal — every set's personality is punctuated by one or two statement lamps.

Didul says the production team favoured vintage lampshades despite their fragility.

Operation Organization

TINA CHADHA
Metro New York

Melanie Fascitelli, a closet-organizing guru, shows us some tried-and-true ways to organize our clothes:

Edit your wardrobe
"The first thing you need to do is get yourself a partner, someone you trust, to help you edit," says Fascitelli, president and creative director of Close-ette Too, an online shopping guide for all things organizing. "This person is someone who is going to tell you the truth, whose style you admire and who has a good eye for your own personal style. Editing or culling your wardrobe is not only about finding things that you haven't worn in one or two years, but also asking, 'Would I buy this today?'"

Colour code
Sort your clothes by colour and type. Keep pants with pants and skirts with skirts, and then organize each category from light to dark, says Fascitelli.

It's all about the hangers
"The least expensive thing you can do to get your closet organized and cleaned up is to buy all the same style and colour hanger," says Fascitelli, who prefers using a neutral colour. For her product line, Clos-ette Too, she says they spent years developing the perfect hanger. "It's a skinny, soft hanger in five different styles for all different types of garments. "

Folding vs. hanging
The general rule is "hang everything you can," says Fascitelli.

If you don't have too much space on your closet rod, the items she specifically feels should be hung are coats, pants, dresses, suits, tailored shirts, silk blouses and gowns.

The best items to fold and store on a shelf or in a drawer are T-shirts, sweaters, gym clothes, jeans and delicates — such as beaded and cashmere pieces.

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Lighting is an essential part of the the Mad Men look. HO

Art

- Most of the modern art on Mad Men isn't actually vintage. Didul has found great pieces at rental galleries such as Art Pic in Los Angeles, and through artist friends.
- The dramatic dot graphic in the show's ad agency office was created by the art department under Bishop's guidance. The piece echoes the work of English Op Art proponent Bridget Riley. Similar posters are at zazzle.com.
- You can find reproduced examples of one of that era's most prolific designers, George Nelson, known for sunburst, asterisk, polygon and ball wall clocks (Polygon clock, $590 at wayfair.com).

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Sandra Rinomato can relate to buying a property solo — she's done it herself. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

On buying a house for one

Buy Herself. Property Virgins' Sandra Rinomato helps single women buy their first home in a new series on HGTV

Sandra Rinomato first brought her real-estate know-how to the small screen in Property Virgins, helping first-timers looking to land a home.

With Buy Herself, which premiered Monday on HGTV, the Toronto real estate broker and TV personality is again coming to the aid of prospective property owners. But in her new series, she is zeroing in on a steadily growing segment of first-time buyers: single women.

As someone who chose to purchase a property solo, Rinomato can relate to the unique challenges faced by singles venturing into the market — particularly when it comes to having a sole breadwinner make the mortgage payments.

"I wasn't guaranteed to get that paycheque every Friday, so that was an issue for me," the real estate broker said.

"When I bought a house completely on my own after a breakup, I was used to having a dual income; and then all of a sudden, that extra person wasn't there anymore."

Rinomato was still able to fulfil her home ownership aspirations by opting to buy a property with a basement apartment.

"I said to myself: 'This basement apartment is nice enough for me to move into if I have to, and I can rent out the top for more money; or, I can rent out the basement and live up here.' So, depending on how bad my income became, I had options." When she later moved out of the home, she retained it as an investment property.

In Buy Herself, Rinomato works with women in their 20s, 30s and 40s, all with different reasons they're opting to buy — and buy alone.

In the series premiere, 37-year-old single, career-oriented Kelly is looking to leave behind her rental in a building largely populated by seniors for a place where she can be among fellow professionals.

Future episodes will include an aspiring real estate mogul living with her father and stepmother, and a single mother with a baby daughter who are outgrowing their rental apartment.

Rinomato said this is the first time in modern history that women are so prominent as both buyers and homeowners. She can recall a time many years ago where banks wouldn't loan to women without a male co-signer or guarantor.

There are any number of reasons propelling women to get a foothold in the market, whether it's a desire to decorate, nest and have people over to enjoy the space, or the appeal of a money-making investment, she noted.

Rinomato said safety is also a key and common concern and part of what's driving the movement of many women toward buying condos.

Once the home search gets underway, Rinomato said first-timers should regularly revisit their wish lists as perceptions typically change when touring potential homes. She also encourages women to stay focused on their goals and needs in buying a home.

"Forget about granite countertops. If they're not there, is that really going to affect your enjoyment of the property? If it is, OK, that stays on the wish list," she said. "Is the location really going to affect your lifestyle? If you don't mind a big commute to where you work and play, then you can buy outside of the city."

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Esthetics

- **Looks top list.** The esthetics of a home are also of particular importance for female buyers, notes Rinomato. "They are more concerned about the type of appliances, the countertops, the decor and the flooring, whereas a house or a property that needs some work will scare a lot of women away because they don't want to take on the task," she said. "They want to buy this place and move in and relax and they want to start decorating and entertaining and having fun.... They don't want to buy a place that has scuffed baseboards..."

Spring into bloom with beautiful butterflies

Your backyard. Even if your garden offers just a few butterfly-friendly blooms, it can help the insect's population

For a spring project that can get your family working and learning together — and also help some beautiful insects — try a backyard butterfly garden.

With just a little planning, you can create an attractive and welcoming habitat for butterflies through the warm weather months, says Rick Mikula, author of The Family Butterfly Book (Storey Publishing, 2000).

The biggest problem facing butterflies is destruction of habitat, Mikula says. Even if your garden offers just a few butterfly-friendly blooms in pots or containers, it can help the insect's population – and improve the look of your living space.

"Any offering for butterflies in a garden, no matter how small, is like chicken soup for a cold," he says. "It can't hurt."

The choice of nectar-producing plants on which butterflies feed varies by region. But wherever you are, Mikula says, your options don't have to be fancy. Simple flowers such as varieties of Echinacea, daisies, asters and even some violets can serve as butterfly-friendly snacking spots. Non-invasive milkweeds can be especially appetizing to migrating butterflies, without taking over your yard.

"Even one or two plants like that are going to be great because when the butterflies are moving, there's a place for them to stop," says Mikula, who lives in Hazelton, Penn.

You can start your research with books such as Mikula's, or checking out online resources. Try bugguide.net or butterfliesandmoths.org, recommends Nathan Brockman, curator of the Christina Reiman Butterfly Wing of Reiman Gardens at Iowa State University, in Ames. Some garden-supply retailers, such as Lowe's Home Improvement stores, offer online and in-store advice as well.

There are some concessions you may need to make if you plan to entice butterflies into your yard, Brockman says.

One is understanding that caterpillars, the butterflies' offspring, are going to eat host plants, including some herbs and vegetables you may have planned to serve at your own dinner table. Plant extra, and remember you'll be rewarded for the sacrifice when caterpillars turn into fluttering butterflies.

Also, be prepared to give up the use of pesticides on vegetable gardens or lawns.

"Don't use any at all if you are truly gardening for butterflies," Brockman says.

Mikula's tip is to soak tomato leaves overnight in water, then strain and spray the solution onto plants as an effective and organic pesticide that won't harm butterflies.

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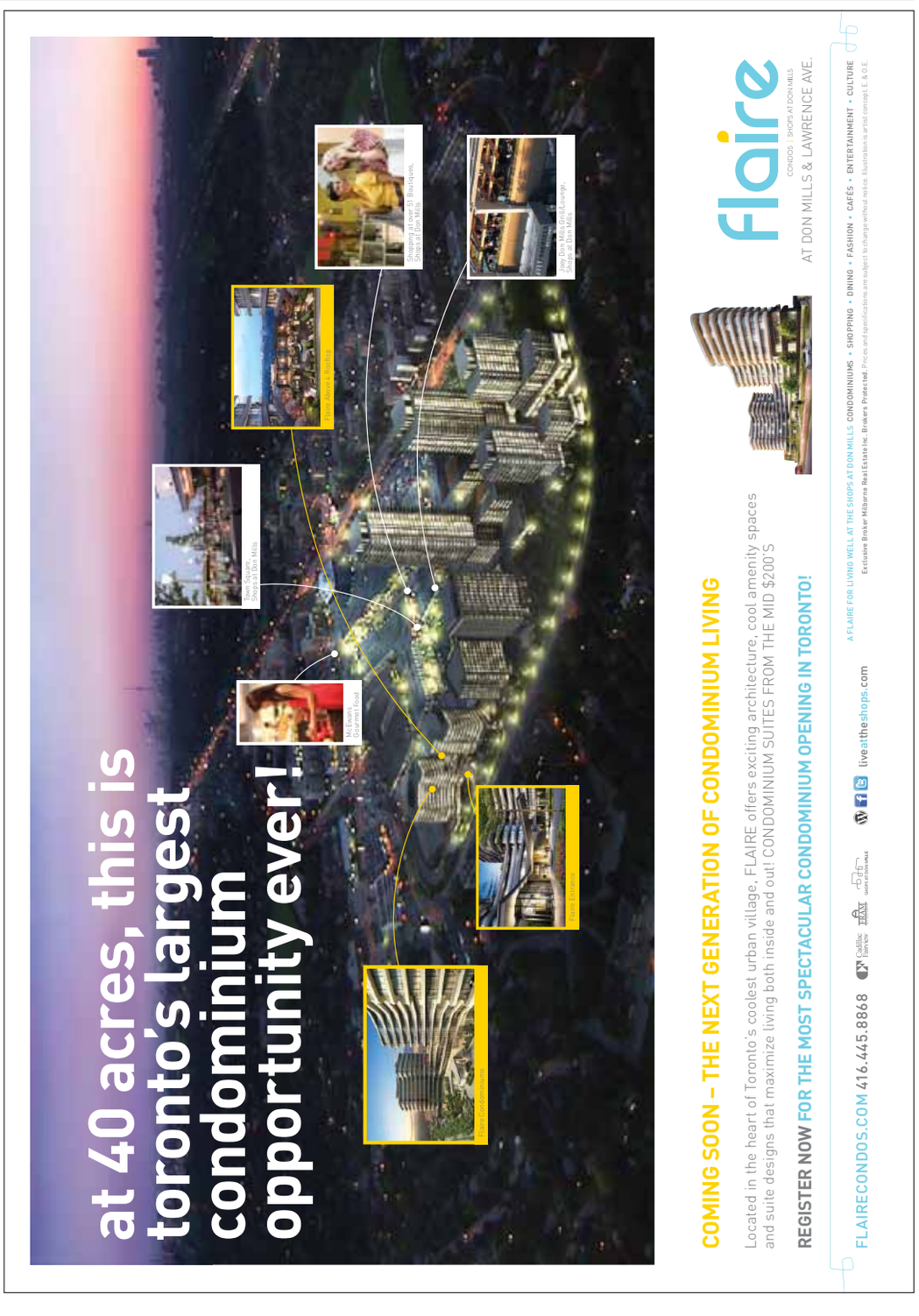
A Phyciodes tharos butterfly. NATHAN BROCKMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Hylephila phyleus butterfly. NATHAN BROCKMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cheap and cheerful

Butterfly gardening can be budget-friendly

- **Flowers.** Don't overlook smaller, less costly nectar-producing flowers that will entice tiny but attractive butterflies.
- **Plants.** Choose plants native to the region. They're most beneficial to the environment and require less maintenance.
- **Sunshine.** Butterflies like to bask in the sun, so putting out flat rocks near feeding spots can provide a perfect place for them to rest.
- **Puddling station.** While butterflies can get most of the moisture they need from feeding, many like to gather around puddles and wet places. You can offer a "puddling station" by creating a damp area covered with sand.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SPORTS

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"First off, I hope he's all right. But as far as the hit goes, I felt like it was a hockey play, just trying to finish my hit out there."

Phoenix forward Raffi Torres after laying a devastating hit on Chicago's Marion Hossa in the Coyotes' 3-2 win over the Blackhawks on Tuesday. Hossa was taken from the ice on a stretcher and released from hospital a couple hours later with "encouraging results," according to the Blackhawks. A hearing will be held Friday at the NHL's New York office to determine Torres' fate In the meantime, he is suspended indefinitely and will sit out Game 4 on Thursday night.

NBA

West fined $25K for 'wet willy'

Mavericks guard Delonte West has been fined $25,000 by the NBA for jabbing his finger into the ear of Jazz swingman Gordon Hayward during the second quarter of Utah's 123-121 triple-overtime win over Dallas on Monday. The NBA issued the fine Wednesday, calling it a "physical taunt." West had been called for fouling Hayward away from the ball then walked after him to give him what he called a "wet willy." West received a technical but was not tossed out of the game.

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On the web

The Indianapolis Colts say they know who they'll select at No. 1 in the NFL draft and it will almost certainly be Peyton Manning's successor. But which top QB they'll take with the pivotal pick remains a closely-guarded Colts secret. Scan the code for the story.

Morrow feels wrath of Rays

MLB. Jays starter gives up 3 homers as Tampa Bay draws even in series

Wednesday's game

Rays	Blue Jays
12	2

Luke Scott hit a grand slam in the ninth inning to complete the Tampa Bay Rays' 12-2 rout of the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre on Wednesday.

Scott's third career grand slam came in the Rays' six-run ninth against reliever Carlos Villanueva.

Rays left-fielder Matt Joyce had two doubles and one of the three home runs allowed by Toronto starter Brandon Morrow (0-1) who took his first loss of the season after two no-decision starts.

Morrow allowed eight hits, three walks and six runs while striking out two in six innings.

Ben Zobrist, with one on, and Sean Rodriguez also hit home runs for the Rays (6-6).

Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar equalled his career-best with four hits, all singles.

Catcher Jeff Mathis homered for the Blue Jays (6-5) against left-hander David Price (2-1), who allowed eight hits, two walks and two runs with three strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings to earn the victory.

Rays manager Joe Maddon moved Zobrist to the second spot in his lineup ahead of Carlos Pena and Evan Longoria for the game because of his ability to get on base. Despite a .216 batting average entering Wednesday, Zobrist had a .370 on-base percentage.

The move looked good in the first inning as Zobrist put the Rays into a 2-0 lead when his second homer of the season followed Desmond Jennings' leadoff single.

The Blue Jays countered with a run in the home half of the first, as Jose Bautista's single scored Escobar.

A double by Joyce and a sacrifice fly by Rodriguez restored Tampa Bay's two-run lead, but only until Mathis hit his first homer as a Blue Jay with two out and the bases empty in the bottom of the second.

Joyce doubled for the second time of the game with two out in the fourth and scored on a single by former Blue Jays catcher Jose Molina. After giving up two walks to load the bases, Morrow retired Zobrist on a grounder to end the inning.

Morrow's night ended after the sixth inning in which he allowed solo home runs to Joyce, his third of the season, and Rodriguez, his first.

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Brandon Morrow watches Tampa Bay's Ben Zobrist round first after hitting a home run Wednesday at the Rogers Centre. ABELIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES

Pens offence erupts in must-win Game 4

Game 4

Penguins	Flyers
10	3

Pushed to the brink of a sweep, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Jordan Staal pushed back with a vengeance, helping the Penguins score nine goals in the first two periods in a 10-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Wednesday in their opening-round playoff series.

Staal had a hat trick, Malkin scored his first two goals of the series and Crosby added one to help the Penguins cut the series deficit to 3-1. Game 5 is Friday in Pittsburgh.

Marc-Andre Fleury settled down after a shaky first period and had his best game of the series, easily outplaying counterpart Ilya Bryzgalov.

The Flyers led 3-2 when the Penguins reeled off seven straight goals to win the most lopsided game of the series.

The Penguins were the first team to score at least 10 goals in a playoff game since the Los Angeles Kings scored 12 against the Calgary Flames on April 10, 1990, according to STATS LLC.

Claude Giroux, Kimmo Timonen and Jakub Voracek all scored for the Flyers, who blew their chance at a stunning sweep of the 108-point Penguins. Bryzgalov, shaky all series, was at his worst in Game 4. He was yanked for Sergei Bobrovsky after allowing his fifth goal of the game.

There's little chance of a goalie controversy in Philadelphia, though. After earning huge cheers for stopping his first shot, Bobrovsky was worse than Bryzgalov, allowing four goals the rest of the second period.

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Pittsburgh's Steve Sullivan celebrates a goal on Sergei Bobrovsky in Philadelphia on Wednesday night. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Football

CFL to expand video review

The CFL announced Wednesday that its board of governors has approved a rule change that will see all scoring plays subject to video review. Officials now have power to review all touchdowns, field goals, converts, singles and safeties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Henry Burris salutes during the Tiger-Cats' pre-season mini-camp on Wednesday in Hamilton. SCOTT GARDNER/HAMILTON SPECTATOR

NBA

Bobcats' coach scuffled with player

The frustration of losing has started to boil over for the NBA-worst Charlotte Bobcats.

A team executive confirmed there was an altercation Sunday night in the team locker-room between coach Paul Silas and forward Tyrus Thomas.

The incident, first reported by Yahoo!, took place after Charlotte's 94-82 loss to Boston. It was confirmed by President of Basketball Operations Rod Higgins.

According to the report, Silas took exception to Thomas fraternizing with Celtics players. Shouting ensued and the 68-year-old Silas shoved Thomas toward his locker stall and the two were separated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AHL Marlies

"I expect every game to be a one-goal game, a low scoring series, tight checking and a little gritty."

Marlies head coach Dallas Eakins on Toronto's first-round playoff series vs. the Rochester Americans starting Thursday at Ricoh Coliseum.

Miami Heat forward LeBron James, left, looks for an opening past Toronto Raptors forward Alan Anderson Wednesday in Miami. WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heat torch Raptors

NBA. Playing without two of their big three, James and the Heat shut down Toronto in the second half

Wednesday game

96	72
Heat	Raptors

LeBron James wants some rest. He also wants to play.

For now, the desire to play seems to be stronger. And his MVP candidacy may be a beneficiary of that decision.

James scored 28 points before taking the fourth quarter off, Mike Miller added 13 points and the Miami Heat continued tuning up for the post-season by pulling away in the second half to beat the Toronto Raptors 96-72 on Wednesday night.

The Raptors tied a franchise-worst with 23 points in the second half.

James made 12 of his 15 shots for Miami, which also got 10 points from Udonis Haslem. The Heat — who can now finish no worse than No. 2 in the Eastern Conference — played without Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, both given the night off for what Miami calls "maintenance" of some nagging aches and pains.

James Johnson scored 18 points, Alan Anderson added 15 and DeMar DeRozan had 12 for Toronto, which fell for the sixth time in eight games.

Up next for Miami: A showdown at home against Chicago on Thursday night. The Bulls (47-15) hold a 2 1/2-game lead over the Heat (44-17) in the East standings.

Toronto led by as many as seven in the first half, then lost the lead after Miami outscored the Raptors 19-10 over the final 5:19 heading into the break.

James said before the game that he'd like to get a game or two off before the playoffs start, if the race for seeding permits.

The Raptors wouldn't have minded Wednesday being one of those games. But James isn't complaining that he was out there playing.

"It's just how I am," said James, who entered Wednesday having played the sixth-most minutes in the league this month, the fifth-most in the league for the entire season. "When I go on the floor, if I'm in uniform, I'm trying to play at the highest level. If I'm in uniform, I don't try to take minutes off or take games off when I can.... I just want to be the best."

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Ottawa 3 N.Y. Rangers 2 (OT)
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7) (Boston leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 4 Washington 3
Tonight's game
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6) (Florida leads series 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Florida 4 New Jersey 3
Tonight's game
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5) (Philadelphia leads series 3-1)
Last night's result
Pittsburgh 10 Philadelphia 3
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8) (Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
Vancouver at Los Angeles
Sunday's game
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ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7) (St. Louis leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
St. Louis 4 San Jose 3
Tonight's game
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6) (Phoenix leads series 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Phoenix 3 Chicago 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5) (Nashville leads series 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Nashville 3 Detroit 1
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.

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SENATORS 3, RANGERS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Stralman 2 (Richards, Gaborik) 0:49 (pp)
2. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 2 (Gaborik, Richards) 6:10 (pp)
Penalties — Smith Ott (boarding) 0:39, Karlsson Ott (tripping) 5:45, Prust NYR (boarding) 7:10, Konopka Ott (roughing) 10:32, McDonagh NYR (tripping) 14:54.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Michalek 1 (Carkner, Spezza) 7:04
4. Ottawa, Gonchar 1 (Foligno, Neil) 17:50 (pp)
Penalties — McDonagh NYR (high-sticking) 1:21, Carkner Ott (hooking) 4:55, Bickel NYR (holding stick) 8:11, Smith Ott (interference) 11:01, Anisimov NYR (hooking) 16:48.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Foligno Ott (high sticking) 1:55, Foligno Ott (tripping) 14:35.
Overtime
5. Ottawa, Turris 1 (O'Brien, Gonchar) 2:42
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

NY Rangers	12	7	11	3—33
Ottawa	12	9	9	1—31

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (OTL,2-2); Ottawa: Anderson (W,2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 2-7; Ottawa: 1-5.
Attendance — 20,340 (19,153) at Ottawa.

PENGUINS 10, FLYERS 3

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Giroux 5 (Jagr, Simmonds) 1:14 (pp)
2. Pittsburgh, Malkin 1 (Dupuis, Park) 3:37
3. Pittsburgh, Niskanen 1 (Crosby, Sullivan) 8:05 (pp)
4. Philadelphia, Timonen 1 (Giroux, Briere) 15:06 (pp)
5. Philadelphia, Voracek 2 (Simmonds, Hartnell) 15:52 (pp)
6. Pittsburgh, Crosby 3 (Niskanen, Malkin) 16:19
7. Pittsburgh, Staal 3 (Tangradi, Cooke) 17:29
Penalties — Sullivan Pgh (high-sticking) 0:17, Malkin Pgh (hooking) 1:29, Coburn Pha (holding) 6:42, Rinaldo Pha (interference) 12:19, Kunitz Pgh (interference) 13:02, Orpik Pgh (cross-checking) 13:28, Cooke Pgh (high-sticking) 13:52, Carle Pha (interference) 20:00.
Second Period
8. Pittsburgh, Letang 1 (Crosby, Sullivan) 3:07 (pp)
9. Pittsburgh, Staal 4 (Kennedy, Cooke) 7:21 (pp)
10. Pittsburgh, Sullivan 1 (Fleury) 10:55 (pp)
11. Pittsburgh, Dupuis 2 (Kunitz) 14:59
12. Pittsburgh, Staal 5 (Engelland) 16:03
Penalties — Giroux Pha (high-sticking) 2:51, Grossmann Pha (tripping) 5:32, Carle Pha (holding stick) 8:13, Read Pha (roughing) 10:40, Park Pgh (interference), Philadelphia bench (too many men; served by Wellwood) 12:01, Rinaldo Pha (cross-checking, roughing) 16:43.
Third Period
13. Pittsburgh, Malkin 2 (Kunitz, Kennedy) 4:04
Penalties — Cooke Pgh (holding stick, misconduct), Vitale Pgh, Simmonds Pha (unsportsmanlike conduct, misconduct), Kubina Pha (cross-checking, misconduct) 8:48.
Shots on goal by

Pittsburgh	15	16	5	—36
Philadelphia	11	9	5	—25

Goal (shots-saves) — Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,1-3); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L,3-1)(18-13), Bobrovsky (3:07 second; 18-13). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 4-9; Philadelphia: 3-5.
Attendance — 20,172 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	4	4	8
Briere, Pha	4	1	5
Brown, LA	4	1	5
Crosby, Pgh	2	3	5
McDonald, StL	2	3	5
Neal, Pgh	2	3	5
Jagr, Pha	1	4	5
Schenn, Pha	1	4	5
Berglund, StL	3	1	4

Not including last night's games

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	4	.636	—
Toronto	6	5	.545	1
New York	6	5	.545	1
Tampa Bay	6	6	.500	1½
Boston	4	8	.333	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	8	3	.727	—
Cleveland	5	4	.556	2
Chicago	5	5	.500	2½
Kansas City	3	8	.273	5
Minnesota	3	8	.273	5

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	10	2	.833	—
Seattle	6	6	.500	4
Oakland	5	7	.417	5
Los Angeles	4	7	.364	5½

Last night's results
Tampa Bay 12 Toronto 2
Texas 6 Boston 3
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox
Detroit at Kansas City
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Cleveland at Seattle
Tuesday's results
Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 3 Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 9 Seattle 8
Detroit 3 Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees 8 Minnesota 3
Oakland 5 L.A. Angels 3
Texas 18 Boston 3
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Baltimore (Hammel 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Swarzak 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 1-0) at Detroit (Willk 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-0) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 1-1) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 0-1) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

RAYS 12, BLUE JAYS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jnnngs cf	4	2	1	0	YEscor ss	5	1	4	0
Zobrist rf	4	2	1	2	KJhnsn 2b	5	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	1	0	1	Bautist rf	3	0	1	1
Longori 3b	4	1	1	1	Encrnc dh	5	0	2	0
Scott dh	5	1	2	4	Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Kpngr 2b	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
Brignc ss	2	0	0	0	RDavis lf	3	0	0	0
Joyce lf	5	3	3	1	Vizquel ph	1	0	1	0
JMolin c	3	0	1	1	Arencii c	0	0	0	0
SRdrgz ss-2b	2	2	1	2	Rasms cf	4	0	2	0
Mathis c	3	1	1	1					
Thams ph-lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**36**	**12**	**10**	**12**	**Totals**	**38**	**2**	**12**	**2**

Tampa Bay	**210**	**102**	**006—12**
Toronto	**110**	**000**	**000—2**

E—Lawrie (2). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 11. 2B—Joyce 2 (2). HR—Zobrist (2), Scott (3), Joyce (3), S.Rodriguez (1), Mathis (1). SF—S.Rodriguez.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Price W,2-1	5 2-3	8	2	2	2	3
W.Davis	1 2-3	3	0	0	0	2
Jo.Peralta H,1	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Howell	1	1	0	0	0	2
Toronto						
Morrow L,0-1	6	8	6	6	3	2
L.Perez	2	0	0	0	0	4
Villanueva	1	2	6	5	2	0

HBP—by Villanueva (J.Molina). WP—Villanueva. T—3:11. A—15,828 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	3	.769	—
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2½
New York	7	5	.583	2½
Miami	6	6	.500	3½
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	8	3	.727	—
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	3
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	3½
Cincinnati	4	7	.364	4
Houston	4	8	.333	4½
Chicago	3	9	.250	5½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	2	.818	—
Arizona	7	5	.583	2½
Colorado	5	6	.455	4
San Francisco	5	6	.455	4
San Diego	3	9	.250	6½

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 14 N.Y. Mets 6
Pittsburgh 2 Arizona 1
Houston at Washington
Chicago Cubs at Miami
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at St. Louis
San Diego at Colorado
Philadelphia at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Atlanta 9 N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 5 San Diego 3
Miami 5 Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 4
Pittsburgh 5 Arizona 4
San Francisco 4 Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 2 Cincinnati 1 (10 innings)
Washington 1 Houston 0
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 2-0) at Miami (Nolasco 1-0), 12:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 0-1) at Milwaukee (Wolf 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2), 1:45 p.m.
Houston (Norris 0-0) at Washington (E.Jackson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 1-1) at Arizona (Collmenter 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Worley 0-1) at San Diego (Wieland 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	14	7	7	.500	170	172	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	—
x-Rochester	14	6	8	.429	173	176	1
Buffalo	14	5	9	.357	167	179	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Colorado	14	11	3	.786	193	171	—
x-Calgary	15	11	4	.733	207	164	½
x-Minnesota	14	7	7	.500	171	167	4
Edmonton	13	5	8	.385	136	143	5½
Washington	14	4	10	.286	150	171	7

x — clinched playoff berth.
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	47	15	.758	—
y-Miami	44	17	.721	2½
x-Indiana	40	22	.645	7
x-Boston	36	26	.581	11
x-Atlanta	37	25	.597	10
x-Orlando	36	25	.590	10½
New York	33	29	.532	14
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	15
Milwaukee	29	32	.475	17½
Detroit	23	39	.371	24
New Jersey	22	41	.349	25½
Toronto	22	41	.349	25½
Cleveland	20	41	.328	26½
Washington	16	46	.258	31
Charlotte	7	54	.115	39½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	44	16	.733	—
y-Oklahoma City	44	17	.721	½
x-L.A. Lakers	39	23	.629	6
x-L.A. Clippers	38	23	.623	6½
Memphis	36	25	.590	8½
Denver	34	27	.557	10½
Dallas	34	28	.548	11
Phoenix	32	29	.525	12½
Houston	32	29	.525	12½
Utah	32	30	.516	13
Portland	28	34	.452	17
Minnesota	25	38	.397	20½
Golden State	22	38	.367	22
Sacramento	20	41	.328	24½
New Orleans	19	42	.311	25½

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Miami 96 Toronto 72
Atlanta 116 Detroit 84
Chicago 100 Charlotte 68
New York 104 New Jersey 95
Philadelphia 103 Cleveland 87
Washington 121 Milwaukee 112
New Orleans at Memphis
Orlando at Boston
Houston at Dallas
L.A. Clippers at Denver
San Antonio at Sacramento
Utah at Portland
Oklahoma City at Phoenix
L.A. Lakers at Golden State
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

HEAT 96, RAPTORS 72

TORONTO (72)
Anderson 7-18 1-2 15, A.Johnson 1-4 1-1 3, Gray 1-1 0-0 2, Uzoh 1-4 1-2 3, DeRozan 5-14 2-3 12, Davis 3-6 2-2 8, J.Johnson 7-12 3-3 18, Forbes 4-10 1-2 9, Alabi 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 30-72 11-15 72.
MIAMI (96)
James 12-15 3-4 28, Haslem 5-7 0-1 10, Pittman 3-8 2-3 8, Chalmers 3-4 2-2 9, Jones 0-7 0-0 0, Battier 2-4 1-2 7, Anthony 3-5 0-0 6, Miller 5-8 0-0 13, Cole 1-8 0-0 2, Harris 1-2 0-0 2, Howard 3-5 1-3 7, Curry 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 40-76 9-15 96.

Toronto	24	25	11	12	—72
Miami	25	26	23	22	—96

3-Point Goals—Toronto 1-16 (J.Johnson 1-2, DeRozan 0-2, Forbes 0-4, Anderson 0-8), Miami 7-17 (Miller 3-4, Battier 2-4, James 1-1, Chalmers 1-1, Harris 0-1, Cole 0-2, Jones 0-4). Fouled Out—Pittman. Rebounds—Toronto (Alabi, J.Johnson 6), Miami (Haslem 7). Assists—Toronto 12 (Anderson 3), Miami 25 (Chalmers 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 17, Miami 16. A—19,600 (19,600) at Miami, Fla.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	6	6	0	0	9	1	18
New York	6	3	2	1	16	10	10
D.C. United	7	2	2	3	8	7	9
Houston	4	2	1	1	3	3	7
New England	6	2	4	0	5	8	6
Columbus	5	2	3	0	4	7	6
Chicago	4	1	1	2	3	4	5
Montreal	8	1	5	2	7	15	5
Philadelphia	5	1	3	1	3	6	4
Toronto	5	0	5	0	2	10	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	7	5	2	0	11	5	15
San Jose	6	4	1	1	10	4	13
Seattle	5	3	1	1	6	2	10
Dallas	6	3	2	1	8	9	10
Chivas USA	6	3	3	0	4	4	9
Colorado	6	3	3	0	7	8	9
Vancouver	5	2	1	2	4	3	8
Los Angeles	5	2	3	0	8	9	6
Portland	6	1	4	1	8	11	4

Last night's results
Montreal 1 D.C. United 1
Kansas City at Vancouver
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
New York at D.C. United, 6 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMIFINALS

FIRST LEG
Yesterday's result
Chelsea (England) 1 Barcelona (Spain) 0
Tuesday's result
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 Real Madrid (Spain) 1

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP — FIRST LEG
Last night's result
Monterrey (Mexico) at Santos Laguna (Mexico)

HOCKEY

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PLAYOFFS

Today's games — All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
Quarter-finals
At Breclav, Czech Republic
Finland vs. Germany, 9 a.m.
Russia vs. **Canada**, 1 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
At Znojmo, Czech Republic
Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 9 a.m.
Latvia vs. Denmark, 1 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
Semifinals
At Brno, Czech Republic
Sweden vs. TBD, 9 a.m.
U.S. vs. TBD, 1 p.m.

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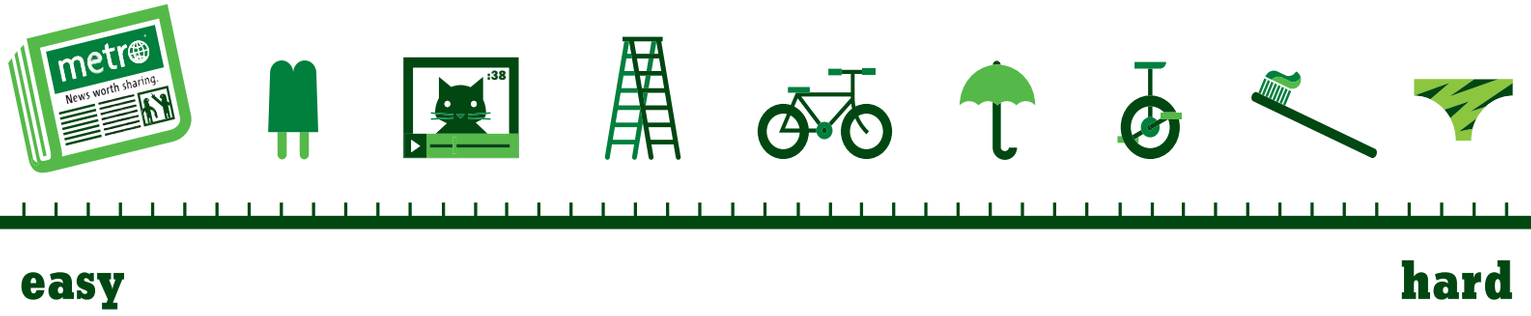

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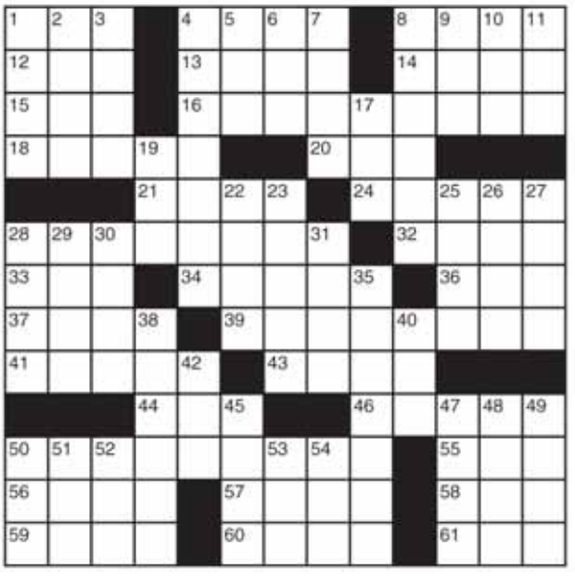
Crossword

Across

1 Upper limit
4 Little demons
8 Be in charge of
12 Coloration
13 Appearance
14 Shrek, for one
15 Refuge craft
16 Erich Segal novel
18 Hymn of praise
20 Bankroll
21 Nuisance
24 Veranda
28 Furniture for two
32 Mediterranean strip
33 — out a living
34 Dieter's entree
36 Forefront
37 Broadcasts
39 Small parrot
41 Skewered meal
43 Pleasant
44 To and —
46 Jockey's handful
50 Tomato
55 Siesta
56 Satan's field
57 Genealogy chart
58 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
59 On the tainted side
60 Fax
61 Fix a cuff

Down

1 Bloke
2 Emanation
3 Lap dog, for short
4 Doctor's concern
5 Cattle call?
6 Angle (Abbr.)
7 Distort
8 Frank
9 Id counterpart
10 Timetable abbr.
11 Susan of "L.A. Law"
17 Easy mark
19 Mimic
22 Caulk
23 Claw
25 Sitarist Shankar
26 Autocrat
27 Full house, e.g.
28 Secrecy thwarter
29 Tom Joad type
30 Hit or miss?
31 "Rikki-Tikki- —"
35 Issued a fiat
38 Without risk
40 Spell-down
42 Support system?
45 Makes a decision
47 Part of the foot?
48 Scruff
49 Unwanted e-mail
50 Journey segment



51 Eggs
52 Energy
53 Ante-
54 Writer Deighton

Sudoku

1					2	8	6	
	9			6		5	2	
2			1					3
				1			3	5
		7				9		
9	4			7				
4					6			9
	6	3		4			5	
	8	9	7					6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	5	2	1	4	7	3	6	9
9	3	7	2	6	5	4	8	1
1	4	6	9	3	8	2	7	5
3	2	5	4	8	6	1	9	7
4	8	1	5	7	9	6	3	2
7	6	9	3	1	2	5	4	8
2	7	4	6	5	3	9	1	8
5	1	8	7	9	4	8	2	3
6	9	3	8	2	1	7	5	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

CKGBX ZJMRA Z WGCANU WNBXM QEM WYMQL RT AM JN Z QEGF-IZDW RZYTNDANY: "AEN KGFZYU MC LZQL."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE KING OF HUMPBACKS HAD A MALE OFFSPRING, WOULD HE BE CALLED THE PRINCE OF WHALES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals W

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. As the Sun moves into your birth sign today, your expectations are sure to be high but don't try to do everything at once.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may find it difficult to take a certain person seriously but the planets indicate he or she has something important to teach you.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Speed is of the essence so don't waste time thinking about what you intend to do, just do it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. The Sun crosses the career angle of your chart, making you even more active and ambitious than usual.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You've been too intense, but now the Sun is moving into one of the more easygoing areas of your chart. You can start smiling again.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Partners and loved ones will be rather demanding today and money worries may be a problem too.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. The Sun's move into your opposite sign may make it seem as if others have the upper hand but they don't. You're still the boss.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Assert your authority and make sure friends and rivals alike are aware that you are not going soft in your old age.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today and over the next four weeks you must go all out to realize your ambitions.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. It doesn't matter what you start so long as you start something. A good place to begin would be your home.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If what you're working on fails to inspire you then ditch it — and find your real passion. SALLY BROMPTON

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